



Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter December 2020



As with everything else 2020, Christmas festivities have changed also but we are happy that there are still things we can do to share the season with our 13th MEU families. We are collecting unwrapped toys, monetary donations, gift cards (\$25 Wal-Mart and/or Target gift cards) and raffle prizes. The event will be socially distanced and limited to the number of people who can come through at a time, but we will make the best of a crazy year. With the help of Olive Garden, each family will receive a pre-packaged meal that they can take home and heat up and with the help of Home Depot, each family will receive a craft kit they can take home and have fun with as a family. We need your help to pull this off and if you are able to donate in any way, please refer to the attached flyer for more information. Deadline date is coming quick: December 12 - Thank you !



UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings

Via Conference Call
Until Further Notice 10:00am

January 20, 2021

February 17, 2021

March 17, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 19, 2021

June 16, 2021

July 21, 2021

August 18, 2021

September 15, 2021

October 20, 2021

November 17, 2021

No Meeting in December



Thank you to the sweet little ladies of the **JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 5121** here in Orange County. They collected left over candy from Halloween for our 13th MEU families. Well done ladies, you should be proud of yourselves for giving back. We appreciate your support and your kindness and so did our families !!!

As a result of having to cancel the Semper 5K, our largest annual fundraiser, the Committee has had to make some very painful and difficult decisions about cutting programs in support of our 13th MEU families. We are so grateful to all of those who have made donations recently as those gifts are helping us to continue supporting our young military families. If you need a great year-end tax donation and you would like to help our 13th MEU families during this especially difficult time, your support would be truly appreciated and 100% of your donation directly benefits our families. There are several ways that you can make a donation: You can mail or drop off, you can call to arrange for a pick up, you can make a donation through [PayPal](#) or you can make your donation with a credit or debit card here with a [Square Donation](#). Our 13th MEU families are grateful for your support as they are dealing with not just the pandemic but deployment as well. Please find mailing address and phone number below. Please note that donations should not be mailed or taken to City Hall as it is still closed to the public. Thank you !!!!

Your tax deductible donation (as allowed by law) for any of our events can be mailed to us: **Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee**, 154 Jerrilee Lane, Anaheim, CA 92807. To arrange for a pickup, please call 714-637-5575. If you prefer, you can send a check made payable to the Committee. If you have a specific program you'd like your donation to be used for, please indicate that program on the memo line.



Get Involved

Write

If you would like to send a letter or card of support to a member of the 13th MEU, please send it to:

“Any Marine”
c/o CMDR Spivey
SPMAGTF 20.2 CR CE
Unit 89035 Box 160
FPO AP 96610-3500

Donate

The Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee is a volunteer based, citizen-run 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. We rely solely on corporate and individual donations in our support of the Marines, Sailors and families of the 13th MEU.

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A huge **THANK YOU** to the employees and customers of **Albertsons** located at **810 S. State College Blvd (@South St.) in Anaheim**. **Albertsons** has partnered with the Committee for several years now to help provide Thanksgiving meals for our families. This year, to further show their awesomeness, **Albertsons** donated bags of potatoes, extra pumpkins pies, Hawaiian Sweet Rolls, extra sides and loaves of bread. A very special thank you to **CHRIS ORANGE** for arranging this partnership. The amazing staff and customers went overboard this year by donating a record 71 meals, which certainly exemplifies the true meaning of Thanksgiving and truly makes a huge difference in the lives of our young 13th MEU families. With monetary donations from the community and from our friends over at **Enterey Life Sciences Consulting**, the Committee purchased Commissary gift cards which were given to the families to purchase extra dinner items. **Thank you** again for blessing our 13th MEU families.



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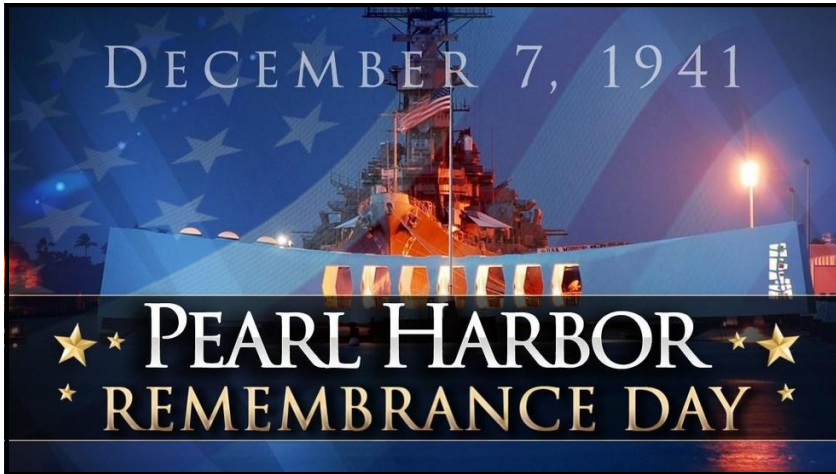
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A day of infamy, the day Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor, is commemorated with the National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance each year on December 7.

On that day in 1941, more than 2,400 people died in Japan's attack on the Hawaiian base of America's Pacific Fleet. Hundreds of aircraft were destroyed or damaged, as were most of the ships in the harbor, and thousands of service men and women were killed or injured.

It was an unprecedented surprise attack that precipitated the United States entry into WW II as we sided with the Allies and declared war on Japan.

Pearl Harbor Timeline - December 7, 1941

3:42 a.m.

The U.S. Minesweeper Condor spots something in water within the entrance of Pearl Harbor during patrol less than 2 miles. The officer in the deck spots a periscope in the sub just fifty yards in the port bow. A blinker message "Sighted submerged submarine on a westerly course, speed 9 knots" was transmitted by the Condor for the destroyer Ward.

6:00 a.m.

A preliminary attack wave heads south to Pearl Harbor when Commander Mitsuo Fuchida leads Japan an air attack at 6:00 AM. Torpedo planes, high-level bombers, dive-bombers, and fighters included in the initial attack wave. Japanese pilots reconfirm their navigation after using a Honolulu radio station's music just like a guiding beam. Another attack wave comparable to the size of the first attack was introduced in the carriers' hangar decks and sent off to Oahu's southern shore 2.

6:45 a.m.

The soldiers were commanded to open fire by the captain in the Ward, Lt. William W. Outerbridge. The initial shot misses but the second strikes the submarine, sinking it.

7:40 a.m.

Commander Mitsuo Fuchida orders his telegraph operator to tap Tora, Tora, Tora: Attack, surprise achieved, when the initial wave in the Japanese aircraft attack arrives on Oahu. In addition to the individuals on Ford Island that started the attack, dive-bombers started hitting airfields around 7:55. The goal of the synchronized attacks was to destroy the American planes before they may rise to intercept Japan 3.

The battleships around Ford Island and "Battleship Row" were targeted. The attack damaged and sank several ships besides Ford Island within a couple of minutes. The USS West Virginia, USS Oklahoma, and USS Arizona all sank but the USS Arizona suffered heavy loss. The forward ammunition magazine of the ship was ignited when an armor-piercing blast hit it. The USS California, USS Nevada, USS Tennessee, and USS Maryland all suffered damage and 1,177 crewmen lost their existence around the Arizona alone.

8:54 a.m.

The second wave of 78 dive-bombers, 35 fighters, and 54 high-altitude bombers attacked the battleship Pennsylvania and bombed three destroyers within the Navy yard dry pier. The USS Nevada was also targeted.

10:00 a.m.

The Japanese planes started going to the aircraft carriers after the attacks finished and started hitting gasoline tankers as well as other facilities which will later help America to win World War II. Japanese commanders deemed the attack a success and made another strike at 1 pm. Over 2,400 military personnel and 68 civilians were killed in the attacks and over 1,100 military personnel and civilians were wounded. 188 aircrafts were destroyed and 159 were damaged and 21 ships were sunk or damaged inside the off-shore fleet. Japanese lose only 29 planes, 5 midget subs and 65 servicemen were killed or wounded. President Roosevelt addressed Congress on December 7, 1941, and The United States officially entered in to World War II.



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Christmas Gift Drive

Help make the lives of our 13th MEU families brighter this holiday season by donating a new, unwrapped GIFT or GIFT CARD.

Deadline for donations is December 12th.



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154 Jerrilee Lane
Anaheim, CA 92807

Questions? Call: (714) 637-5575

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