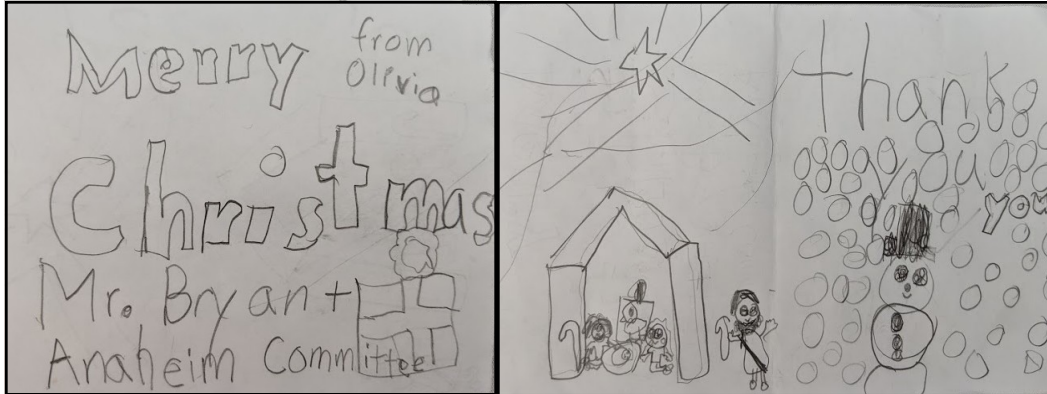




Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter December 2018



Sharing this darling note received by the Committee from Olivia, one of our precious little ones. A **Merry Christmas** and a **Thank You** note all in one. We wanted to share this with all of you because the sentiment of this card goes out to all who have helped us bless these families !!! The Committee cannot do what we do without the support of so many in the community who give of their time and resources. **Thank You** to all of you from all of us - from both the members of the Committee and from our 13th MEU families !!!

The Christmas party was held on December 9 and what a party it was !! A day at Sea World, toys for the kids, Santa and Mrs. Claus, a live beaver for the kids to pet, characters greeting the kids, lunch, cupcakes, raffle prizes and extra blessings in the form of a \$50 commissary gift card for each family !! There are so many people to thank for making it possible for us to give the families a party that they shall not soon forget. Last month we showcased **Orange Lutheran High School** and their amazing donation of toys; they kicked it off for us this year and it just kept going. We had a larger group of children to get toys for this year and not only did everyone come through for the 13th MEU, there were enough toys and gift cards to go to a few other units and the hospital. It was heartwarming to see the number of children who were shown such love and support. Besides those mentioned in the next few pages, a huge **THANK YOU** to **Enterey Life Sciences Consulting**, to **AmPac Tri-State CDC, Inc.** and their associates, to **Al & Phylis Sheue**, to **Hunsaker & Associates**, to **The Rock Community Church (Anaheim Hills)** to **Ruby's Diner (Downtown Anaheim)** to employees of **Kaiser Permanente**, to **Anaheim Hills Rotary Club**, to **Knights of Columbus #9195** and to the **Culver City Rotary Club**. There are so many individuals who donated that we cannot possibly name them all. Each and every donation is sincerely appreciated, used to the fullest and never taken for granted. You cannot imagine the difference what you all did makes in the lives of these families, especially this year when the 13th MEU is deployed. Sadly, many of our families are away from their families for the first time but the love and support shown to them truly made them feel appreciated, loved and special - it's what Christmas is about. We cannot thank everyone enough !!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings

City Hall - 7th Floor
10:00am
January 16, 2019
February 20, 2019
March 20, 2019
April 17, 2019
May 15, 2019
June 19, 2019
July 17, 2019
August 21, 2019
September 18, 2019
October 16, 2019
November 20, 2019
No Meeting in December

Upcoming Events

Welcome Home Bag
Donations - Info to follow

6th Annual
Anaheim Semper 5K & 10K
May 18, 2019
Riverside Park, Anaheim

*Dedicated to serving
our military and their
families.*

714-637-5575
info@semper5k.org

- * Santa Ana River Trail
- * Chip Timed
- * Fun Run & Walk
- * Virtual Run
- * T-Shirts & Finisher Medals for all
- * Team & Active Military Discounts
- * Silent Auction

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Merry Christmas
from our family to yours...

And the angel said to them,
"Fear not, for behold, I bring
you good news of great joy that
will be for all the people. For
unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Savior, who is
Christ the Lord.
~Luke 2:10-11

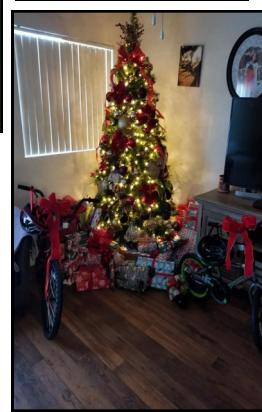
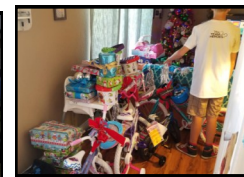
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The **Disney VolunteARS** blessed 2 of our 13th MEU families again this year !! We cannot say enough but this wonderful group of people who truly embrace the spirit of giving. When you put a whole group of people together with a common love and a common cause, the results are beyond amazing. Not only did two special families get a day at Disneyland, compliments of Disney and the Committee, their homes were decorated to the nines inside and out including beautifully decorated Christmas trees, presents under the trees, stocked refrigerators and other goodies. **Thank you** to the Disney VolunteARS for being so generous and blessing these families in such a spectacular way !!!



Another group who have been supporting the 13th MEU for years has been the **ORANGE REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED**. A huge **Thank You** to this amazing group of ladies who once again chose the 13th MEU to be the recipients of their generous toy drive. From Easter to baby baskets to Christmas, the year round blessings these women rain on our families are endless and we are so grateful for their support !!



Disneyland has been a long-time supporter of our 13th MEU families and once again donated tickets for 2 lucky grand prize winners. The **Hilton Anaheim** is also a long-time supporter and has once again donated two one night stays to go with those Disney tickets making for a very magical weekend for 2 lucky families. Thank you to Disneyland and the Hilton Anaheim for their continued support !!! The 2 winners can hardly wait for their Marine to get home to surprise them with their amazing prize package. What do you do when you return from a long and successful deployment ??? **You go to Disneyland !!!**



There were no lions or tigers but we sure had some big bears !! **Thank you to STEVE SPERNAK and STEPHEN FAESSEL** for donating 36 of these cute bears. Each child 15 months and younger got to take one of these really cute bears home with them and it was such a lovely sight to see all those moms and babies on stage to get their bears.





Hats off and many thanks to the **Southeast County Young Marines** for their help at the party again this year. They are an amazing group and do a great job. From the moment they arrived to the finish of the party these young Marines worked hard to ensure things were set up and ran smoothly. Their contribution is priceless and their futures are bright !!!



A **HUGE** and special **Thank You** to **Santa and Mrs. Claus** for taking time out of their very busy schedules to come in from the North Pole to spend time with our 13th MEU families. As usual, they put smiles on faces and warmth in the hearts of the kids. They were the hit of the party and none of us were surprised to learn that all our kids were on the **NICE** list again this year !!!

*To all the men and women
of our nation's military who
are not with their families
this holiday season...*



Thank you and
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Please remember to say an extra prayer for the troops who are not home for Christmas this year and for their families ! Freedom is NOT free !!!



Get Involved

Write

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

CMDR Charlie Owens
13th MEU CE
Unit 89056 Box (007)
FPO AP 96610-5600

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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2018 13TH MEU CHRISTMAS PARTY - SEA WORLD

