



Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Adoption Committee Newsletter

February 2021

After a very crazy year, we have the best news in a long time: Our 13th MEU Marines and Sailors are coming home from deployment soon !!! Donations have been coming in for the Welcome Home Bags and once again, we are amazed at the outpouring of the love and support from so many. But wait - there is more good news !!! There's still time for you to donate if you'd like to show your support and say "Welcome Home" !!! The deadline date for donating items is February 3 and we will be accepting monetary donations until February 6. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information. The items crossed off have already been fulfilled and are no longer needed. We are happy to pick up your donation if you prefer. You can donate via [PayPal](#) or [Square](#) through our website (<https://anaheim13thmeu.org/ways-to-help>) and we'll do the shopping, or you can mail a check made payable to Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee to 154 Jerrilee Lane, Anaheim 92807. Please write Welcome Home Bags on the memo line. Please call the number on the flyer with any questions you may have or to arrange for a pick up. The picture below is from the 2019 Welcome Home and you can see how happy the Marines are with their bags. Thank you so much for your support of our Marines and Sailors - it's been a long and difficult deployment and we all look forward to having their boots back on the good ol' USA's soil.

It is important that we celebrate them coming home and appreciate this as our freedom. They are willing to give their lives and their time with their families for our benefit.

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Bob Lieber



Entering 2021, we had extremely high hopes that we would already have a 2021 Semper 5K/10K event scheduled and seeing record registration numbers. Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth. As we continue to face the pandemic locally, the City of Anaheim is uncertain when they will be allowing events to be scheduled. After much consideration, it is with deep regret that we have come to the conclusion that we will not be in a position to host an event again this year. There simply would not be enough time to plan the same quality event that we have all enjoyed together so much in the past. This was a difficult decision to make and very disappointing to us all. Once again, we find ourselves having to make painful decisions moving forward and exploring other options. We're praying that we can resume the Semper 5K/10K in 2022. If you'd like to make a difference in the lives of 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 if you prefer, you can make your donation with a credit or debit card here with a [Square Donation](#). Our 13th MEU families are always grateful for your support. Please note that your donations should not be mailed to 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings

Via Conference Call
Until Further Notice 10:00am

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



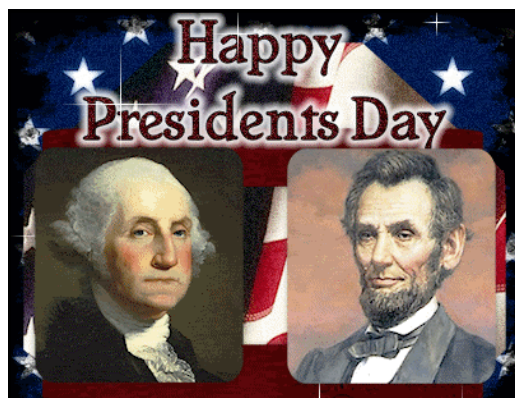
Welcome to our newest Friends of the Committee !! It is truly an honor to welcome **Jon and Pam Pomeroy** who have been supporting our Marines, Sailors and their families for several years now. We are so grateful to Jon and Pam for their faithful and continued support.

Please feel free to contact us if you'd like to become a Friend or a Partner of the Committee.

**We've
Got
Mail**

The committee received a lovely note from one of our 13th MEU Marines and we wanted to share it with all of you. We can only do what we do with the support and help from all of you and his letter speaks to every person who has ever supported our Marines. If you don't think your support makes a difference, we hope that this letter helps you to understand how appreciated you all are by our Marines and their families and what a difference you really do make !!!!!

"I wanted to take this moment to thank you for all of your support during my time with the 13th MEU. Since January 2017, I've been with the MEU and you have done so much for me. From attending Angels baseball games to the Christmas parties and reimbursement for flights home, you have been a great help and extremely generous to me, my peers, and the junior Marines of the MEU. I'm sure you hear us say thank you all the time, but it truly means the world to us that you have helped us so much. As I begin to transition out of the Marine Corps, I just wanted to take the time to let you know how much I appreciate everything you've done for me. Thank you for everything and I hope this finds you all in good health."



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.

[Donate through PayPal -](#)
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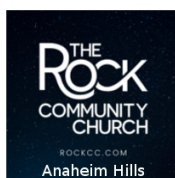
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13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Welcome Home Bags

The Marines and Sailors of the 13th MEU will be coming home soon and you are invited to help us welcome these men and women back to the USA.

The committee is collecting all kinds of items for the Welcome Home Bags that will be placed in the barracks for their homecoming from overseas deployment. Donating items is such a great and easy way for everyone to say "WELCOME HOME and THANK YOU for your service"!!! We will be stuffing numerous bags so any donation is greatly appreciated!!

The items listed below are suggestions from the Marines and Sailors themselves. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have other items you wish to donate.

Thank you for all your help!

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Semper5K.org
Facebook.com/13thMEU
Anaheim13thMEU@gmail.com
Charity ID# 80-0153575

For more information on how to donate please call:
(714) 637-5575

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Toiletries

Disposable Razors

Shaving Cream

Deodorant

~~Nail Files and Trimmers~~

Other

~~Towels/Washclothes~~

~~Paper Towels~~

~~Toilet Paper~~

Travel Tissue

Travel Q-Tips

ENTERTAINMENT

Games

Deck of Cards

Board Games

Word Puzzles

Writing

~~Pens~~

~~Pads of Paper~~

Post-its

DRY SNACK FOODS

Nuts

Mixed Nuts

Sunflower Seeds

Corn Nuts

Snacks

Popcorn

Pretzels

Beef Jerky

Trail Mix

Chips

Cookies

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Cup of Noodles

Ramen Noodles

Soups

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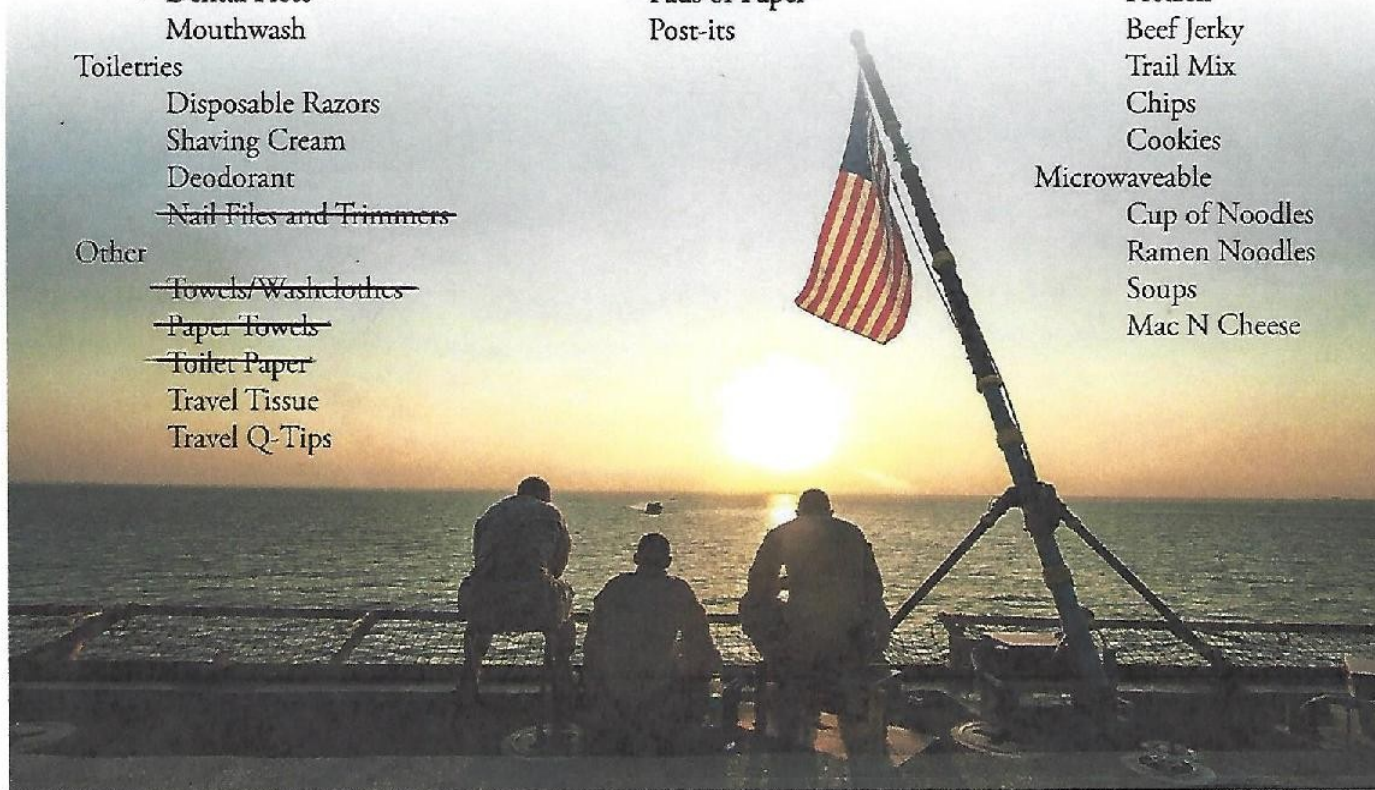


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