



Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter January 2018



Thank you **Orange
Republican Women
Federated**



Thank you **Hunsaker
and Associates**



Thank you **Albertsons**



Christmas 2017 has come and gone and what a Christmas it was!! The call went out and the answer was absolutely amazing - beyond what we could have ever imagined. The Committee is humbled by the outpouring of support from so many people. In addition to the **Orange Lutheran High School Baseball Team's** toy drive shown in last month's newsletter, the **Orange Republican Women Federated, Rock Community Church (Anaheim Hills) and Hunsaker and Associates** held toy drives. Toys and gift cards poured in from individuals as well. Thank you **Anaheim Brokers Caravan Realtors** for their amazing donations! **Albertsons** (St College & South) and their customers not only donated turkey dinners for Thanksgiving, they donated three times as many for Christmas. In addition to providing the Christmas party for the 13th MEU families, we were able to provide dinner, toys and a grand prize for the CLB-13, a unit that deploys with the 13th MEU Command Element. Because of everyone's generosity, there were enough toys to give to the children of the Wounded Warrior Battalion AND those in the Naval hospital on base. A huge Thank You to **Disneyland** and the **Hilton Anaheim** for donating three grand prizes - one family from the 13th MEU, a single Marine from the 13th MEU and a family from the CLB-13 each won Disney tickets and a 2 night stay at the Anaheim Hilton. All the single Marines on base were invited to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner and given a gift donated by **Operation Gratitude**. The dinner was held at the Single Marine Center which was once again beautifully decorated this year by several of the **Disney VolunteERS**, who also donated various gift cards that were given away as raffle prizes. The Center was so festive and warm, bringing Christmas to those single Marines who were unable to go home. The night didn't end there though! The leftover food was taken to a women's shelter near the base which was enough to provide the 62 women and children there with a Christmas dinner, something the director said they were just not able to afford this year. Lastly, monetary donations helped fund Home for the Holidays which allowed the Committee to help finance transportation home for 7 of our single Marines who would not have otherwise been able to go home to celebrate the holidays with their families. As you can see, the blessings were beyond measure and our prayers were answered. We cannot emphasize enough how truly priceless your support is to these families - it honestly makes a huge difference. We simply cannot do any of this without all of you and we never lose sight of that fact. Thank you to everyone for making this one of the best Christmas celebrations ever!!!

Your tax deductible donation for any of our events can be mailed to us: **Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee**, 154 Jerrilee Lane, Anaheim, CA 92807. Donations can also be dropped off at City Hall, 7th Floor or to arrange for a pickup, please call 714-637-5575. If you prefer, you can send a check payable to the Committee with a notation on the memo line as to how you would like your donation used.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings

City Hall - 7th Floor
10:00am

January 17, 2018
February 21, 2018
March 21, 2018
April 18, 2018
May 16, 2018
June 20, 2018
July 18, 2018

August 15, 2018
September 19, 2018
October 17, 2018

November 21, 2018
No Meeting in December

March - Easter Drive
May 19 - Semper 5K and 10K



Disney VoluntEARS in action ... bringing a touch of home and that Disney magic to the Single Marine Center !!



Get Involved

Write

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

"Any Marine"
c/o Chaplain Charlie Owens
13th MEU
P.O. Box 555636
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055

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 - Address:
Anaheim13thMEU@gmail.com

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Thank you to the **South County Young Marines** for all their help with the 13th MEU Christmas party. This group of Young Marines has been assisting the Committee with the Christmas party for several years and do an amazing job !!! They help unload the truck, set up the stage and then pack up the extra toys and load them in the truck. This year they helped deliver extra toys to the Wounded Warrior Battalion.



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THANK YOU TO THE SHEUE'S FOR THE BIKES AGAIN THIS YEAR - AMAZING!!



SINGLE MARINES WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

Thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend not only the 13th MEU Christmas party but also the CLB-13 party and the single Marine dinner - yes, even the single Marines enjoyed Santa and Mrs. Claus!



13th MEU COLONEL



13th MEU FRO AND CHAPLAIN



13th MEU SGT MAJOR





CAN'T WAIT TO GET HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



13th MEU Grand Prize Winner



Single Marine Grand Prize Winner



CLB-13 Grand Prize Raffle Winner





CLB -13 PARTY ROOM

CLB Gingerbread House Contest

Thank you to Shawn Nelson, Steve Spernak, Steve Faessel, Ashleigh Aitken and Young Kim for the 50 donated bears !!!! They were especially popular with our precious little ones !!!!

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