



# Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit

## Adoption Committee Newsletter

### January 2021

As with everything else in 2020, Christmas was impacted by COVID and we were unable to have our usual more formal event on base. Instead, the party was held outdoors at the **Mellano Farm Stand** in **Oceanside** on December 13. CDC guidelines were followed and in order to "socially distance" the number of families that were able to come through the venue were limited to a small number at a time.

While we missed the usual event, our families made the best of it and had a good time. Each family was taken on a 15 to 20 minute hay ride around the beautiful farm grounds and even **Santa Claus** knew that he had to be socially distanced this year. While the kids didn't get to sit on Santa's lap, they were still able to give him their Christmas wish and have their picture taken with him. Instead of our traditional Christmas buffet, we were able to purchase a delicious "take and bake" meal from **Olive Garden** for each family. The families had a choice of Lasagna or Stuffed Cheese Shells and each meal came with a huge salad, complete with a bottle of their famous Italian dressing, and a dozen of their very delicious garlic bread sticks. The meals were packaged with everything needed and ready to go home with each family where they could be baked and enjoyed. The Committee also purchased a vegetable box from **Mellano Farm Stand** for each family to take home and enjoy later.

Each child was given a *Sorcerer Mickey Plush*, a stuffed animal of their choice and also able to pick out one toy. **Home Depot** so graciously donated a craft kit for each family to take home and do together. Decorations were donated and the families were able to take home anything they wanted.

We were concerned about how Christmas would look this year but were once again blown away by the amazing support and generosity of so many. A special **THANK YOU** to **Disneyland** for the grant; even with the shutdown they continue to support our families, nothing short of amazing. **THANK YOU** also to **Orange High School Lancer Baseball**, **The Rock Community Church**, the **Orange Republican Women Federated**, **Anaheim Kaiser Oncology Nurses**, **Disneyland's "Operation Sparkle"**, **Mickey's Attic**, **Knights of Columbus Council 9195**, **Ganahl Lumber**, **Hunsaker & Associates and their employees** and to the **countless others** who loved and supported our families.

With COVID and deployment, 2020 was an extremely difficult year but because of so many kind people, our families were given a day to just have a good time and put the craziness aside. We could not have blessed our families without the kindness and generosity of all of those who donated; your support is beyond priceless. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for sharing the "**reason for the season**" with our families - we are all blessed beyond measure.

As a result of having to cancel the Semper 5K, our largest annual fundraiser, last year and the uncertainty of this year looming over us, the Committee has had to make some very painful and difficult decisions about cutting programs in support of our 13th MEU families. There really are no words to express how grateful we are to all of those who have continued their support. Those generous and selfless gifts were instrumental in our mission to support our young military families. Because we are still uncertain about 2021, we are in the same predicament as last year. 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 but are especially grateful this past year as they faced not just the pandemic but a continuing deployment. Please find mailing address and phone number below. Please note that your 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.

## 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



Welcome to our newest Friends of the Committee !! What an honor it is to welcome **Jim Frize** from Anaheim. Welcome to **Christopher and Cecilia Hopper**, who join us all the way from Idaho !! We also welcome the **Hildebrand Family** who call Arizona home. We are so grateful to all of you for your loyal and continuous support. Please feel free to contact us if you'd like to become a "Friend of the Committee".

## 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

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Chapter 756

# Happy NEW YEAR

Rejoice evermore.  
Pray without ceasing.  
In every thing give thanks: for  
this is the will of God in Christ  
Jesus concerning you.

1 THESS 5:16-18

2020 was truly a year we would just as soon forget but it was also a year of much goodness, kindness, generosity and even light when we didn't think we'd ever see past the darkness. So many wonderful people in our lives, truly angels sent from above to bless us and our 13th MEU families. We were not sure how much we'd be able to do for our families this year but were extremely blown away by the support. We absolutely cannot thank everyone enough who made 2020 brighter - it is with humility and awe that we express our gratitude. We look forward to 2021 as we seek only to continue sharing the love and support with our families as we do consider our 13th MEU families to be extensions of our own. May God

# THANK YOU

FOR ANOTHER AMAZING YEAR!

## Stay Connected



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Committee Email: [Anaheim13thMEU@gmail.com](mailto:Anaheim13thMEU@gmail.com)

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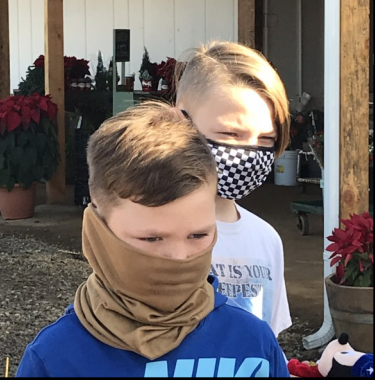




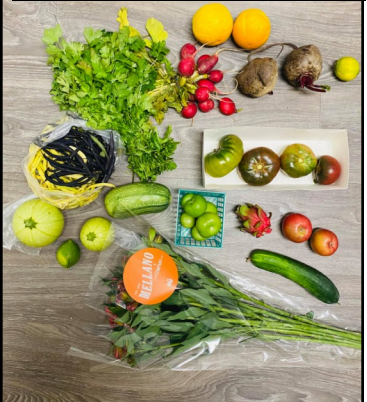
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This prayer shawl was lovingly and prayerfully made for you by partners of the Military Families Ministry USA, Inc. in Ballwood, PA. We hope you will experience peace as you wrap it around you as a constant reminder of God's love and our prayers for you.

**The Prayer**  
I call nine blessings from above,  
In the name of God: The Creator, Giver of life and the holder of time.  
In the name of Jesus: The Savior, Healer, Lifter of pain;  
In the name of the Spirit: The Comforter, Counselor and Sustainer of life.  
I have knitted a mantle to encircle you, empower you,  
I have knitted a mantle of caring, protection, wholeness, strength, healing and patience. Amen







 **Loving Christ,  
Loving our Troops!**

"GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN  
THIS, THAT OBEY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR  
HIS FRIENDS." - JOHN 15:13

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December 12th

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