



Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter June 2019



Thank you to the Color Guard who came up from the base to present colors. It was also wonderful having our new Colonel at the race passing out medals and also as a runner. Welcome to you sir, we look forward to working alongside you in support of our 13th MEU Marines & Sailors !!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings

City Hall - 7th Floor
10:00am

June 19, 2019

July 17, 2019

August 21, 2019

September 18, 2019

October 16, 2019

November 20, 2019

No Meeting in December

SIXTH ANNUAL SEMPER 5K & 10K – May 18, 2019

As hard as it is to believe, the 6th annual Anaheim Semper 5K & 10K has come and gone. It takes months of hard work to prepare for this event, which is the Committee's largest fund raiser and is a labor of love indeed. Feedback has been positive and we cannot thank everyone enough who helped make the event so successful. We truly believe we have the **best runners, sponsors, vendors, volunteers and donors** out there. To our runners, both young and old, we know you have so many races to choose from and we are beyond grateful that you chose to support our young military families by participating in the **Anaheim Semper 5K & 10K**. To our sponsors, vendors and donors - we cannot thank you enough for your very important role in the success of this event. So many wonderful businesses came out and brought not only staff but food, goodies, smiles and other items to share with our participants. Having all of you here at the Finish Line Expo is such a treat for all and we will forever appreciate the cost in dollars and time that you were all so willing to spend in order to support our very grateful 13th MEU families. To those who donated so many wonderful items to the Silent Auction, thank you !! The Silent Auction was once again beyond our expectations and it's only because so many are willing to donate, again to support our families. Thank you to the **13th MEU members** who came up from Pendleton to not only run but also to volunteer, it's always a bonus having Marines at our events. Joining us again this year was **Pastor Victor Chayasirisobhon** who said a prayer for our Marines, their families, America and our runners; something he has done since our first event !! **Dante Perez** led warm-ups, **Josh Sanchez** and the **13th MEU photographer** took amazing pictures to memorialize the day and all the volunteers were amazing. **Allan Cason** of **APC Entertainment** has been our DJ for every year but one and all who were there will agree that not only does he belt out an amazing National Anthem, he is the best DJ ever ! We cannot forget the massage therapists from **Kessler Family Wellness** who provided free 10 minute massages to loosen up the runners after their 5K or 10K. A very special thanks to **R.A.C.E.S.** and the **Disney VoluntEARS** and **GoldenEARS Retirement Club** who have been volunteering since the first event and are always such a big help in so many ways. Last, but not least, thank you for the **Orange County Sheriff Academy** who sent 70+ cadets and tactical instructors who were an amazing addition to a great day !!!! They not only ran cadence but put on an amazing exhibition of 25 pushups upon completion of the run. We are so grateful to them for joining us and for what they do as they "protect and serve" !!! This was their first time participating and we certainly hope that they make it an annual event. As you can see, it truly takes all of us working together to make the event such a fun and successful one. We cannot express how grateful we are to all and we never take the contributions of so many for granted. If not for all of you there would be no run, without a run, some of what we do for our families would not be possible. **Thank you all !!!**

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. 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 made payable to the Committee.





One of the many programs the Committee sponsors is Marine Recognition. At the end of deployment, when one of our 13th MEU Marines or Sailors transfers out of the unit, if they have met the criteria, they receive one of these beautiful wooden Rudis swords. Engraved on the front, across the top, is a quote from Ronald Reagan *"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world, but the Marines don't have that problem."* Across the bottom is engraved *"We wish you well and thank you for your service and sacrifice for our country! Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee"*. In order to receive one of these wooden swords the Marine or Sailor must have successfully completed the entire deployment, have had no non-judicial punishment taken against them and kept their honor clean. The Rudis sword dates back to the gladiator days and was a gift to a gladiator for a special achievement, making this the perfect gift to bless our Marines and Sailors with for completing their deployment. This is just one of the many programs your donations fund. The Rudis was designed by one of our single Marines and has been so well received by all who have gotten one. Having something to remember their time in the 13th MEU and the support so many in the community gave them truly gives them an extra sense of pride and is something they'll have forever. Over the next several months we'll be including a picture of one of the members of the MEU who has received one of these swords as we say good bye and wish them well !!!!



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 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.

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Thank you to all the teams who signed up for this year's Anaheim Semper 5K&10K !!
CONGRATULATIONS to **OC GRIT** for not only being the **BIGGEST TEAM**
 but also the **FASTEST TEAM !!!!! OORAH OC GRIT !!!!**

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