



# Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter March 2021

## WELCOME HOME 13TH MEU !!!!!

We all thank the Lord that our Marines and Sailors are home safe !!! After spending 28 hours in the air and what must have seemed like the longest bus ride they ever took, they arrived at Camp Pendleton late in the evening on February 13. That had to have been the best Valentine's Day gift ever for the entire family !!! Unfortunately, with COVID, there was very little fanfare to welcome them home but the families who were able to come out did a great job representing us all. Congratulations to our 13th MEU for yet another successful deployment. We thank you for your selfless service and while we can never pay the debt we owe in full, we will continue to chip away at it every chance we get !!!

We hear the Easter Bunny will be coming to town soon and that means our EASTER BASKET DRIVE has begun. Again due to COVID, there will be no in-person event but the kiddos and single Marines will still get their Easter treats !!! We are collecting wrapped Easter baskets, \$20 gift cards for the teenagers and \$25 gift cards for our single Marines ! Please call 714-637-5575 for any questions or to arrange a pickup of your donation. Please refer to the attached flyer for all the information. Can't get out to shop ? Monetary donations are always welcome; we'll be happy to do the shopping for you OR you can also donate through PayPal or Square by clicking here: <https://anaheim13thmeu.org/ways-to-help>. Thank you for your continuing support !!!!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Committee Meetings

Via Conference Call  
Until Further Notice 10:00am

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 **Pacific Coast Race Timing**. Thank you for all the help you've always given us on the Anaheim Semper 5K&10K. Welcome also to **Big Lots North Santa Ana**. The manager was so generous in his donations to the WELCOME HOME BAGS. We look forward to a long-lasting relationship with our new friends !!

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

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.

**Read what members of the 13th MEU are saying about their Welcome Home Bags - This is why we do what we do with the help of all of you !!! Thank you to all who donated !!!**

"The Welcome Home Bag was an unexpected surprise of essential comfort items that make transitioning back home easier and more enjoyable. To have it shows we are cared by our Anaheim sponsors and their enthusiasm to support the 13th MEU. I'm truly grateful for receiving it and for the Anaheim Adoption Committee."

"The Welcome Home Bag got me through the first few days of being back without being able to go to the store to get essential items. The items were very thoughtful and had many things I needed that I had thrown out before coming back, such as the towels and nail clippers. I am very thankful for the bag. The snacks were a great addition. Thank you Anaheim for all you do - it is appreciated!"

"Thank you so much for the Welcome Home Bags! It meant a lot to come home from a long deployment and have the basic essentials readily available. Thank you for all that you've done for the 13th MEU. We truly appreciate all that you've done for us!"

"It was a great welcoming gift for those of us that had no one waiting for us and a nice snack to fill us why'll we try to re-adjust back."

"I loved the Welcome Home Bag! Super considerate and convenient. Made me feel loved and welcomed coming home!"

"Thank you Anaheim Adoption Committee for the exceptional Welcome Home goodie bags! The Marines really appreciated it and it helped tremendously with all the personal effects needed for a welcome back! Blessings to all who contributed to the Marines and for your continued support; we love you! SEMPER FIDELIS"

"I am thankful to God for allowing myself and my fellow Marines for safe travels back to Camp Pendleton after the deployment. I am also so, so thankful for the time and effort that the Anaheim Adoption Committee gave to the single Marines and also to the families as well. As a single Marine, I felt welcomed home by the friends and families of Anaheim. Also, the Committee put together Welcome Home Bags for each and every single Marine that reside in base barracks. The care packages were filled with both useful essentials and tasty treats. I would like to say a huge thank you to Anaheim and all the people who made the care packages."

"Just wanted to say thank you to the Anaheim Adoption Committee. After returning home from deployment not having to worry about daily essentials was great. The Welcome Home goodie bags really helped me get through a couple of weeks without having to go to the store."

## 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  
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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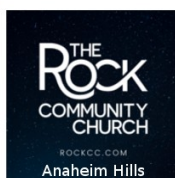


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## WELCOME HOME 2021





# EASTER BASKET DRIVE

Help make Easter brighter for the child of a Marine or Sailor  
by donating an Easter basket for the children of the

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**Closing date 30 March 2021**

*Drop off wrapped baskets, gift cards \$20 for Teens,  
\$25 for Single Marines at the following location:*

Checks may be mailed to:  
**Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee**  
**154 Jerrilee Lane**  
**Anaheim, CA 92807**

Questions or for pick up please call 714 637- 5575

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