



Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter May 2021

Transfer of Authority

Like everything military, change comes far too soon and we can hardly believe that it's time for us to say goodbye to Colonel Priddy and wish him well in his next assignment. With deployment and COVID hitting not too long after he took command of the MEU, we didn't have the honor of spending much time with the Colonel and his family but we truly enjoyed the time spent and the privilege of working alongside him in support of our Marines and their families. The 13th MEU held a Transfer of Authority ceremony in Camp Pendleton, April 23rd, 2021. This Transfer of Authority (previously called a Change of Command) symbolizes the unbroken continuity of command between the outgoing commanding officer, Col. Andrew T. Priddy and the oncoming commanding officer, Lt. Col. Daniel J. Hipol. Sadly, due to COVID, the ceremony was not as grand as usual and closed. While we were unable to attend in person but were happy to receive a few pictures. Best of luck to Colonel Priddy and his family and a big welcome to Lt. Col. Hippol - we look forward to carrying on the important work we all do as a team for our 13th MEU with you at the helm !!!



The Committee provides an opportunity for you to show your appreciation and support for our 13th MEU families. Whether they are here at home or deployed, these Marines and their families sacrifice daily for you and your 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 and your donation directly benefits the Marines and their families. 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

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

Happy Mother's Day

*Her children rise up and call her blessed;...
"Many are the women of proven worth,
but you have excelled them all."
Proverbs 31:28 - 29*

Armed Forces Day

Army

Air Force

Navy

Marines

Coast Guard

National Guard

May 15, 2021

Armed Forces Day is the 3rd Saturday in May and celebrates the unification of the Armed Forces under the DOD.

"Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, toward the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense." ~ President Truman

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

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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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National Military Appreciation Month

- In 1999 Senator John McCain introduced legislation to designate the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month
- May is characterized by six national observances highlighting the contributions of those who served
- Citizens are encouraged to observe the month as a symbol of unity

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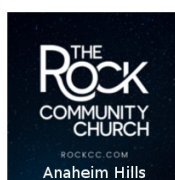
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The History of Memorial Day

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans -- the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) -- established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, New York, the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance.

The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day." (military.com)

