

Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter November 2019

Our Thanksgiving Meal Drive is coming to an end but the good news is that there is still time to show your support. In addition to collecting monetary donations which will be used at the commissary to purchase turkeys and commissary gift cards, **Albertsons** is once again partnering with the Committee to provide Thanksgiving meals to our 13th MEU families. Simply shop at the **Albertsons** located at 810 State College (@ South Street, Anaheim), make a donation and **CHRIS ORANGE** and her staff will do the rest. Thank you for showing your support for our 13th MEU families !!!





You can play Santa Claus to our 13th MEU families !!



In Flanders Fields, m Flanders fields, the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved, and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe; To you from failing hand we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We should not sleep, though poppies grow In flanders fields.

Ho Ho Ho - where did this year go? We have officially opened up the Christmas Toy Drive !! 2019 has flown by and we'd sure love to end this year with an amazing Christmas for our 13th MEU families. Together we can help make "the most wonderful time of the year" brighter for our families. We are collecting toys for the kids (including our babies) and \$25 gift cards for the teenagers as well as for each of the single Marines. In addition, donated raffle prizes are always welcome. If you prefer to send a monetary donation please write CHRISTMAS on the memo line of your check and we will do the shopping for you. Lastly, the Committee assists single Marines and Sailors with transportation expenses to get Home for the Holidays - if this program is something you'd like to support, write *HFTH* on the memo line of your check. Please see attached flyer for more details on how you can help !!!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings

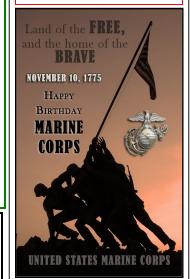
City Hall - 7th Floor 10:00am November 20, 2019 No Meeting in December

Events

Marine Corps Ball Christmas Dinner / Party Easter Basket Drive Anaheim Semper 5K & 10K



HAPPY VETERANS DAY TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED OUR GREAT COUNTRY !! YOU ARE APPRECIATED !!!









Special Series Collection Medal Run all 5 years and recieve this beautiful medal.

*2019 Virtual Run still available until supply runs out Email: info@semper5k.org

Collect them all

Each year our finisher medal will feature military equipment utilized by our 13th MEU. Our 2020 medal will represent the M1 Abrams Tank. If you missed out last year, you can still sign up for the 2019 Virtural Run to collect them all and recieve the Special Series Collection Medal. Dedicated to serving our Military and their families.

Registration is Open for our 7th annual run on May 16, 2020. Sign up now to get the best prices. Click on this RunSignUp link: <u>https://runsignup.com/Race?raceId=82092</u>

Thank you for your service - the Committee wishes you well as you move on to your next assignment !!! Enjoy your Rudis and we hope you fondly remember Anaheim when you look at it !!!





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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.

Donate through PayPal - Address: Anaheim13thMEU@gmail.com

Charity ID #80-0153575

Friends of the Committee

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

This year, the Marine Corps celebrates 244 years of warfighting excellence and uncommon valor. United States Marines define the world's image of elite warrior-citizens. We take great pride in the legacy built by those who came before us and in carrying that legacy into the future. Capabilities, battlefields, and adversaries change, and Marines continue to adapt to every challenge—prepared to fight and win wherever and whenever our Nation calls. What does not change is the Marine spirit—a warrior spirit rooted in our core values.

The strength of our Corps is our Marines. Our success depends on all Marines embodying the values in which our Corps was founded; it requires leveraging the talents and ingenuity of every Marine to strengthen our Corps. Since 1775, courageous Marines have answered the call to fight for freedom and shaped our reputation as the most feared fighting force the world has seen. Marines from each generation approached every battle with a lethal combination of versatility, perseverance, and adaptability that has allowed us to prevail in any clime and place.

Throughout the 244-year history of the Marine Corps,



CPL MORGAN L.R. BURGESS, USM

our Nation has required Marines to adapt capabilities and fighting styles to defeat adversaries in all domains. The Marines who took to the seas with naval counterparts to combat the Barbary Pirates solidified our role as a naval expeditionary force-in-readiness. World War I saw Marines fighting sustained land campaigns and returning from those battles to immediately begin redesigning how to go to war. Those innovations laid the foundation for the amphibious landings of World War II. Combat operations in Korea and Vietnam brought harsh climates and unforgiving terrains that again forced Marines to adapt and overcome. In Iraq and Afghanistan, urban battlefields and counterinsurgency tactics demanded innovations in warfighting strategies and capabilities. Today, we find ourselves once again facing new and evolving threats in different operational environments. Like our predecessors, we will move forward with the lessons learned from past conflicts while redesigning the force and innovating for future conflict with any adversary who dares to fight.

Marines, congratulations on 244 years of excellence. Like the first birthday message published by 13th Commandant General John Lejeune in 1921, this message serves as a reminder of the legacy we are charged with upholding. Today is our day to celebrate our heritage and to honor the sacrifices of those who fought before us. It is also a day to recommit ourselves to our core values and resolutely pursue the strength of character that defines United States Marines. And it is a day to look toward future battlefields, to prepare to uphold the distinguished warfighting legacy of our predecessors wherever our Nation calls.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

David H. Berger General, U.S. Marine Corps Commandant of the Marine Corps



Thanksgiving Dinner Donations



The Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee is sponsoring a Thanksgiving dinner for the Marines and Sailors and their families.

Please donate today! \$25.00

If you would like to help support a family this Thanksgiving, we will be collecting monetary donations and making the purchases from the base commissary this year which will make your donation go even further !!!

> Approximate cost per family is \$25.00, but as always, any amount is welcome! Deadline for donations is November 12 th. Drop off at City Hall 7th Floor or mail to the address below. Any questions or for pick up please call 714 637 5575.

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Christmas Gift Drive

Help make the lives of our 13th MEU families brighter this holiday season by donating a new, unwrapped GIFT or GIFT CARD.

Deadline for donations is December 14th.

Drop off at City Hall 7th Floor

Make checks payable to:

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Questions? Call: (714) 637-5575

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