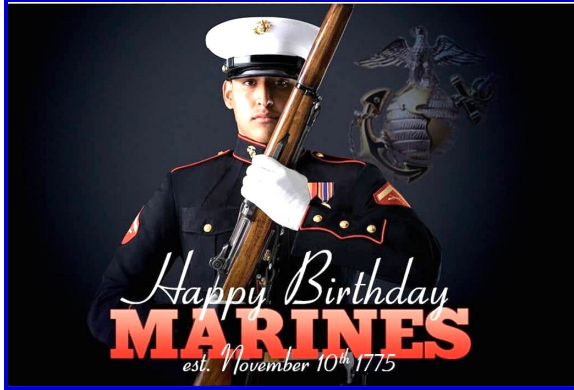




Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter November 2020



The annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball is a celebration of Marine Corps history and traditions. It represents where the Marine Corps started and where it is now; while giving us a glimpse of the past, present and the future. Throughout the world on 10 November, Marines celebrate the birth of their Corps - the most loyal, feared, revered, and professional fighting force the world has ever known.

In 1921, the 13th Commandant, Gen. John A. Lejeune, issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921. Gen. Lejeune's order summarized the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps. It further directed that the order be read to all Marines each year on 10 November to honor the founding of the Marine Corps. Soon after, Marine commands began to not only honor the birthday, but celebrate it. In 1923 the Marine Barracks at Ft. Mifflin, PA staged a formal dance.

The first "formal" Birthday Ball took place in Philadelphia in 1925. Guests included the Commandant, the Secretary of War (known today as the Secretary of Defense), and a host of statesmen and elected officials. Over the years the annual Birthday Ball grew, taking on a life of its own. In 1952, Commandant General Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. formalized the cake-cutting ceremony and other traditional observances. Current Marine Corps policy mandates that the first piece of cake must be presented to the oldest U.S. Marine present and passed to the youngest Marine representing the passing of tradition from generation to generation. Among the many such mandates is the reading of the Commandant's birthday message to the Corps. Like the U.S. Marine Corps itself, the annual Birthday Ball has evolved from modest origins to the dignified function it is today. On 10 November, regardless of where Marines are stationed or deployed, you will always hear "Happy Birthday Marine."

As a result of having to cancel the Semper 5K, our largest annual fundraiser, the Committee has had to make some very painful and difficult decisions about cutting programs in support of our 13th MEU families. We are so grateful to all of those who have made donations recently as those gifts are helping us to continue supporting our young military families. If you would like to help our 13th MEU families during this especially difficult time, your support would be truly appreciated. 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 you can make your donation with a credit or debit card via a [Square Donation](#). Our 13th MEU families are grateful for your support as they are dealing with not just the pandemic but deployment as well. Please find mailing address and phone number below. Please note that 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

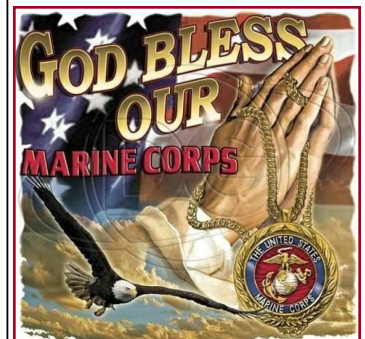
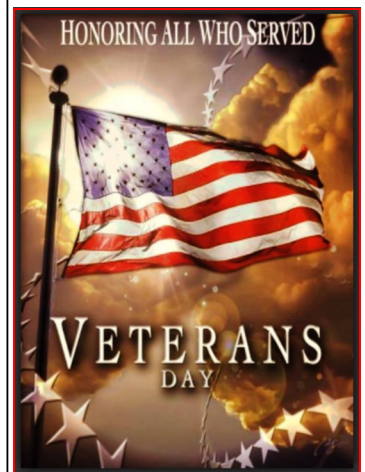
Committee Meetings

Via Conference Call
Until Further Notice 10:00am

November 18, 2020
No Meeting in December

Upcoming Events

Christmas Events



November is officially **Military Family Appreciation Month.**

What a perfect opportunity to show our 13th MEU families how much you appreciate them, especially since our 13th MEU Marines and Sailors are deployed and our families will be celebrating the holidays without their loved ones. We are once again collecting monetary donations for Thanksgiving and will be purchasing gift cards from the Commissary which makes your donation go a bit further. Please see the attached flyer for all the details you'll need to help our families out. Thank you in advance !!!



Welcome precious little one - the newest member of our 13th MEU family !!! The Committee is proud to be able to donate a baby basket with all the essentials to our new parents and babies. We are able to continue these programs because of all of the amazing support from so many of you who continue to love and support our families. Thank you all !!!

**NOVEMBER IS
NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY
APPRECIATION MONTH**



MILITARY FAMILY:

Courage. Strength. Sacrifice.

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

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 -](#)
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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 18 th.

Mail to the address below.

Any questions or for pick up please call 714 637 5575.

**Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee
154 Jerrilee Lane Anaheim, CA 92807**

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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.**

Make checks payable to:

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Questions? Call: (714) 637-5575

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