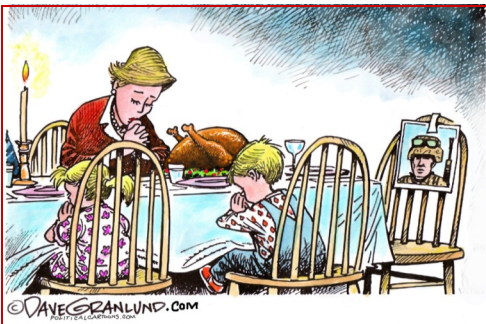




Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter October 2020

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 !!!!



With as crazy as the year has been, it's hard to believe that Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. First we are asking that everyone please say a prayer for our Marines and Sailors as they will still be deployed for the holidays; for many, this will be their first deployment away from home for the holidays but for others it will be their second, third or even more. While our Marines are deployed, we continue to support our young families and are once again collecting monetary donations which will be used to purchase commissary gift cards. A card will be given to each of our families which will allow them to purchase more of their Thanksgiving goodies than they'd be able to purchase in town. This is the perfect time of the year to show your gratitude for the sacrifices our families make for all of us. Please feel free to call us at 714-637-5575 for more details and thank you in advance !!!

The Chaplain had requested help with toiletries for our deployed 13th MEU Marines and Sailors and help was exactly what so many have provided !! Because so many of you support our Marines, we have shipped out 17 boxes of much needed items. This is an ongoing effort as many items are still needed for the duration of this deployment. Please contact us at 714-637-5575 if you can donate items such as body wash, floss, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc. The USPS does not allow air shipments of anything that is made with alcohol, such as mouthwash and anti-bacterial soap, so please check the ingredients of items you wish to donate. Monetary donations are also welcome to help with shipping costs which, as you can imagine are very high. Thank you to all who have already donated - such an amazing response !!

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

Via Conference Call
Until Further Notice 10:00am

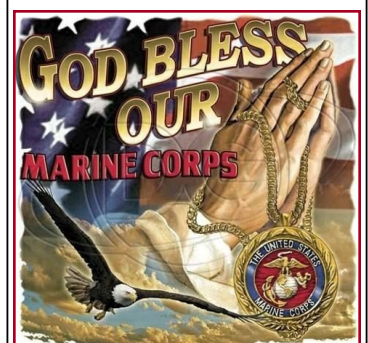
October 21, 2020

November 18, 2020

No Meeting in December

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive
Christmas Events



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.

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As a member of the Committee, I know I speak for each and every one of us when I say that it has been such an honor to be part of this Committee. It is the passion of each of us to support our Marines, Sailors and their families and we have been so blessed for the opportunities this Committee has given each of us to do just that. With that being said, we are just one part of the equation because we honestly can't do what we do without all of those wonderful people who donate their resources to make all of this possible. We never take any of our donors for granted and are truly grateful for each and every one of you !!!

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MEANS TO OUR

13th MEU MARINES AND THEIR FAMILIES ?

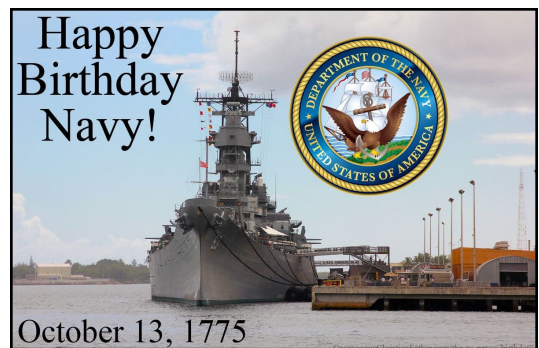
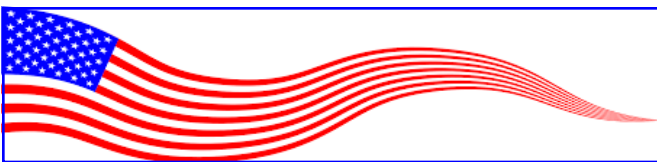
We received the following note from our 13th MEU Chaplain and we want to share it with all of you because so many of you play such a big role in what we are able to do: *"Just a short note to let you know we've received the care packages! Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and kindness and taking the time out of your schedule to put these packages together. All of the items will be utilized by of our Marines and Sailors. It's always nice to get a touch of home and that's what these care packages represent. We also appreciate your thoughts and continued prayers for us as we continue to press on. Thanks again for all that you do and for your generous spirit!"*



In addition to his heart-felt note, the Chaplain included a picture of one of the Marines sorting out items received in the deployment care packages being sent. As sure as I am that I speak for members of the Adoption Committee, I'm equally as sure that the smile on this Marine's face speaks for all of those deployed as they continue to receive the "touch of home" that so many have come together to bless them with.

We also received a lovely note from the Spouse Volunteer Team who we partner with on many of our projects: *"Dear Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee, **Thank you** for your generosity and your continued support of the 13th MEU and families, especially through this challenging time! Your unwavering support of families, including generous baskets for our new moms and babies, prizes for virtual game nights with spouses, regular donations for families in need, and contributions as we prepare for our half-way celebration, is truly appreciated. We understand these are unprecedented times for everyone, and your extraordinary commitment and sacrifice to support the Marines, Sailors, and Families of the 13th MEU is remarkable. Your support continues to brighten the days of families of deployed spouses. We look forward to when we can get together in person! Sincerely, 13th MEU Spouse Volunteer Team"* Your support is priceless and we are so blessed that there are so many kind and generous people in the community who are part of the equation in our efforts to support our Marines, Sailors and their spouses and precious children. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and theirs !!!!

Who doesn't love **OLD GLORY**, America's flag ?? The red stripes represent hardiness and valor while the white stripes represent purity and innocence. The blue in our flag represents vigilance, perseverance and justice. If you need a flag, look no further - we've got them !! These flags are made in the USA by Annin Flagmakers, in business since 1847. Annin made the flag that draped Abraham Lincoln's casket, the flag raised on Iwo Jima and the US flags sent to the moon. The flags are 5'x8' and one can be yours for a suggested donation of \$40. What better way to show your love for and pride in America than by flying your flag every day of the year and helping members of the military at the same time. 100% of the proceeds directly benefit our 13th MEU families. Please contact us at 714-637-5575 if you are interested in owning one of these gorgeous flags.



Celebrate the Navy's Birthday on October 13 and recognize the brave men and women who have served our country — past and present. Established during the Revolutionary War, the original Continental Navy was formed, disbanded, and then reestablished nearly 10 years later. Today it's the largest and most capable navy in the world, with the highest combined battle fleet tonnage. The Navy also boasts the world's largest aircraft carrier fleet, over 300,000 active personnel, and nearly 100,000 in the Ready Reserve.