



# Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter August 2011



Mayor and Mrs. Tait judge a sandcastle building contest at the Beach Bash, which was also attended by Marines from the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU and their families.

## July Activities

### *Fourth of July*

- ◆ A big THANK YOU to the Marines who joined us in the Fourth of July Parade – It was nice to have their representation out on the parade route; if you missed the parade, there are a few pictures on our Facebook page. We even had a Marine wife walk the parade route with a committee member handing out our brochures to parade spectators.
- ◆ In addition, on the Fourth of July, the Committee had a booth at Peralta Park from noon until 9pm. Many people stopped by the booth to learn about what we do and about those we support and donations were received. Thank you to everyone for the donations.

### *13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Beach Bash– July 15, 2011*

- ◆ Each year the 13th MEU holds a Beach Bash with the families of the Marines and Sailors. Families enjoyed food, games, a sand castle competition and raffles. Mayor Tait and Mrs. Tait joined the Beach Bash and helped judge the sand castle competition and raffled prizes away to the families. Carolyn & Wendall Walters and Jim & Doreen Job represented the Adoption Committee at the Beach Bash on July 15. The event was well-attended and the families all had a great time.

## Upcoming Events

### *August 3, 7am-9pm*

Ruby's Fundraiser: Come out, have a good meal—20% of food and non-alcoholic beverage sales will be donated to the Committee. You must present our flyer when you order (available online). For your convenience, there are two participating locations: 21450 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda and 1128 W. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim

### *September Date- TBA*

Welcome Home Bags to be put together as we await the arrival of our Marines and Sailors

### *September Date- TBA*

Car Wash at Arco AM/PM (301 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim). All proceeds will be donated to the adoption committee.

### *November-Date-TBA*

Marine Corps Ball

### *November 15*

Deadline for Annual Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive

### *December 16*

Deadline for Christmas Toy and Gift Card Drive

### *December 18, 2pm-6pm*

Christmas Party at South Mesa Club Camp Pendleton



Marines from the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU participated in the Fourth of July Parade.

## Background and Mission

On October 9, 2007, the Anaheim City Council formally adopted the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU, stationed out of Camp Pendleton, in order to show support for the military personnel and their families.

The Anaheim Adoption Committee is a volunteer-based, citizen run committee dedicated to sponsoring the men and women that provide their service to protect our country.

“Our mission is to continuously generate community wide support, and encourage mutually beneficial interaction between the residents of Anaheim and the Marines, the Sailors, and the families of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU, both at their home base at Camp Pendleton and/or when the unit or elements thereof are deployed, in order to render support and create strong and lasting ties in the years to come.”

*Dedicated to serving our military and their families*



## Stay Connected

Adoption Committee Website: [www.anaheim.net/13thMEU](http://www.anaheim.net/13thMEU)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/13thMEU](http://www.facebook.com/13thMEU)

## Get Involved

### Write a Letter

As the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU is currently deployed you may send a Marine or Sailor a letter with your well wishes.

The letter can be mailed to:

CDR DiConti, CHC, USN  
13th MEU Det A

(S-1 Chaps)  
Unit 42525  
FPO AP 96610-2525

### Donate

*The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*

As all members of the committees are strictly volunteers, 100% of your donations are used to benefit the Marines, Sailors and families of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU.

Charity ID #80-0153575

Donations can be mailed to:

Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU  
Adoption Committee  
5753-G E. Santa Ana  
Canyon Road #453  
Anaheim, CA 92807  
714-637-5575

For additional donation and volunteer opportunities visit  
[www.anaheim.net/13thMEU](http://www.anaheim.net/13thMEU)