



Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter August 2014



UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings

City Hall - 7th Floor
10:00am

2014

August 20, 2014
September 17, 2014
October 15, 2014
November 19, 2014
No meeting in December

SAVE THE DATE

*The 2015
Anaheim Semper 5K
will be held on
Saturday, March 21*

Thank you again to all who purchased raffle tickets for a chance to win the coveted quilt. Everyone purchasing a ticket expressed their desire to have this beautiful work of art on display at their home.

As announced last month, the lucky winner of the Marine quilt was **KRISTA**, a Marine wife whose husband returned from deployment in April. Krista and her Marine are the proud parents of three adorable children. The entire family was thrilled to have won this beautiful quilt, which was presented to the family at Camp Pendleton by committee members, accompanied by the 13th MEU Family Readiness Officer.

Another huge "thank you" to **Charmella Secrest** who made and donated the quilt to the Committee as a way to raise funds. The love she puts into her quilts is obvious to all who have seen her work and her passion for members of our military is inspirational. We are very fortunate to have been the recipient of one of her amazing quilts.

Congratulations to the winners - we know the quilt will be displayed with much pride!

Your tax deductible donation for every event can be mailed to us: **Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee, 5753-G E. Santa Ana Canyon Rd, #601, 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 payable to the Committee with a notation on the memo line as to how you would like your donation used.



Get Involved

As summer is quickly coming to an end and we will soon be moving into fall and winter, the busy times are upon us. Raising funds for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Thanksgiving and Christmas is just around the corner. In years past the support shown during this season has been absolutely phenomenal and every year we hope to do even better than the year before. For those who may not have been involved with us last year, it seems like a good time to briefly describe what we do for the upcoming events, starting with the Ball.

As the Ball is a mandatory event for the Marines, the Committee looks for monetary donations that will be used to help offset the cost of the tickets for the Marines. Attending can be costly for the family but is a great time for everyone to get dressed up and have a nice evening out.

Thanksgiving comes next and we look for donations of grocery store gift cards (\$25 value) that are given to the families to help purchase their meals. That little bit of extra help really makes a difference to our families.

Christmas brings several opportunities for those who would like to show their support. We ask for toys for the little ones along with \$25 Target gift cards for the teenage children and the single Marines. Many of our single Marines celebrate Christmas on base, far from home without family and that little extra support goes a long way. The families are given raffle tickets and we are always looking for donations of fun things for the raffle. Monetary donations to help pay for their Christmas party are also welcome.

It's never too early to start thinking about what you might like to do to support our families during this time of the year. There really is no better time than the holidays to show your gratitude for what these families do for us all year. Watch for details over the coming months!

Write

If you would like to send a letter or card of support to a member of the 13th MEU, please write to:

*“Any Marine”
c/o Chap. Darren Stennett
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.

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714-637-5575

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Registration is now open for our 2nd Annual Semper 5K!!! Please visit racewire.com for information and registration. We are looking for groups to register this year so all you runners should start putting your groups together now. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, you can contact the Race Director using the link found on RaceWire. It's going to be fun, fun, fun!



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