



Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter August 2012



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, July 4

This year's Independence Day Celebration was one of the best yet. The day was just perfect in every possible way. Colonel Taylor and his family served as Grand Marshalls of the parade which was led off by the breath taking Color Guard. Approximately 40 members of Anaheim's very own adopted 13th MEU followed the Taylor's vehicle proudly representing the entire Unit.

The Committee was proud to have members of the MEU along with the family members of many of them join in the festivities at Peralta Park afterwards. Many people stopped by the booth to learn about the MEU. The light up swords and light up necklaces the Committee had brought to be given to those making a donation went like crazy once the sun went down. When it got dark, it was amazing to look out across the crowd and see all the lights! The fireworks were gorgeous!

Thanks so much to the MEU for joining us; we are already talking about ways to make Fourth of July, 2013 even more successful!

A SPECIAL NEED

We are looking for a 32-inch LED HDTV and a portable DVD player that the committee can use to run continuous videos of the Marines at our various events throughout the year. If you can help by donating one of these items, please call 714-637-5575.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July - November

Jerry's Yogurt Fundraiser

Come out to Jerry's Yogurt, located at 301 S. Anaheim Blvd for a yummy yogurt and 20% of proceeds go to the Adoption Committee. The fundraiser will be all day on the following days:

August 16
September 20
October 18
November 15

August 23

Annual Car Wash

The annual car wash has been confirmed for Thursday, August 23 from 8am-6pm at the Arco AM/PM 301 S. Anaheim Blvd. Please see attached flyer for all the details.

November 10

Marine Corps Ball

Mandatory for all Marines.



Heartfelt thanks to all who are participating in the summer fundraisers at Jerry's Yogurt. These fundraisers are a fun and easy way to support our families!

As the summer heats up, frozen yogurt is a great treat to cool off with. Note the dates in our Upcoming Events when 20% of the cost of your purchase will be donated to the committee in support of our 13th MEU. Spread the word about our fundraisers and then come on down to Jerry's Yogurt and bring your family and friends !

Thank you Jerry for hosting all those planned throughout the summer months.

Get Involved

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 Chaplain Stennett
13th MEU
P.O. Box 555636
Camp Pendleton, CA
92055

Donate

The Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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

Charity ID #80-0153575

Donations can be mailed to:

Anaheim 13th MEU
Adoption Committee
5753-G E. Santa Ana
Canyon Road #601
Anaheim, CA 92807
714-637-5575

MARINE CORPS 237TH BIRTHDAY BALL

NOVEMBER 10, 2012

It is with much pride and anticipation that we will be hosting the Marine Corps Ball for members of Anaheim's 13th MEU right here in Anaheim. We are very excited about the Ball being held in the Magic Kingdom Ballroom at the beautiful Disneyland Hotel.

The Marine Corps Birthday is celebrated by Marines every year no matter where they are and is a special day that they stop and honor the Corps.

The Birthday Ball is a mandatory event for all Marines and as the City of Anaheim is hosting this year's celebration, the committee has voted to raise funds so that we can help our Marines defray the cost of attending this event.

The committee is looking for businesses, churches, clubs, schools and other organizations who are interested in becoming a Corporate Sponsor for this event. Not a business but you want to help? No problem - we are looking for individual donations as well. 100% of all donations will be used towards the cost for the City's adopted Marines to attend this mandatory event and as always, your donation is tax-deductible.

Please refer to the attached flyer for more information. \$100 will help defray the cost for a Marine, \$500 for 5 Marines and \$1,000 for 10. Thank you to those who have already made a donation and please remember, **donations of any amount are a huge blessing and are welcome.** Individually we can only make a small impact but together as a community, we can make a huge difference.

We know people want to show their support for members of our military but some don't know where to go to do so. This is an easy way for you to show your support and appreciation to those who do what they do and pay the price of our freedoms!



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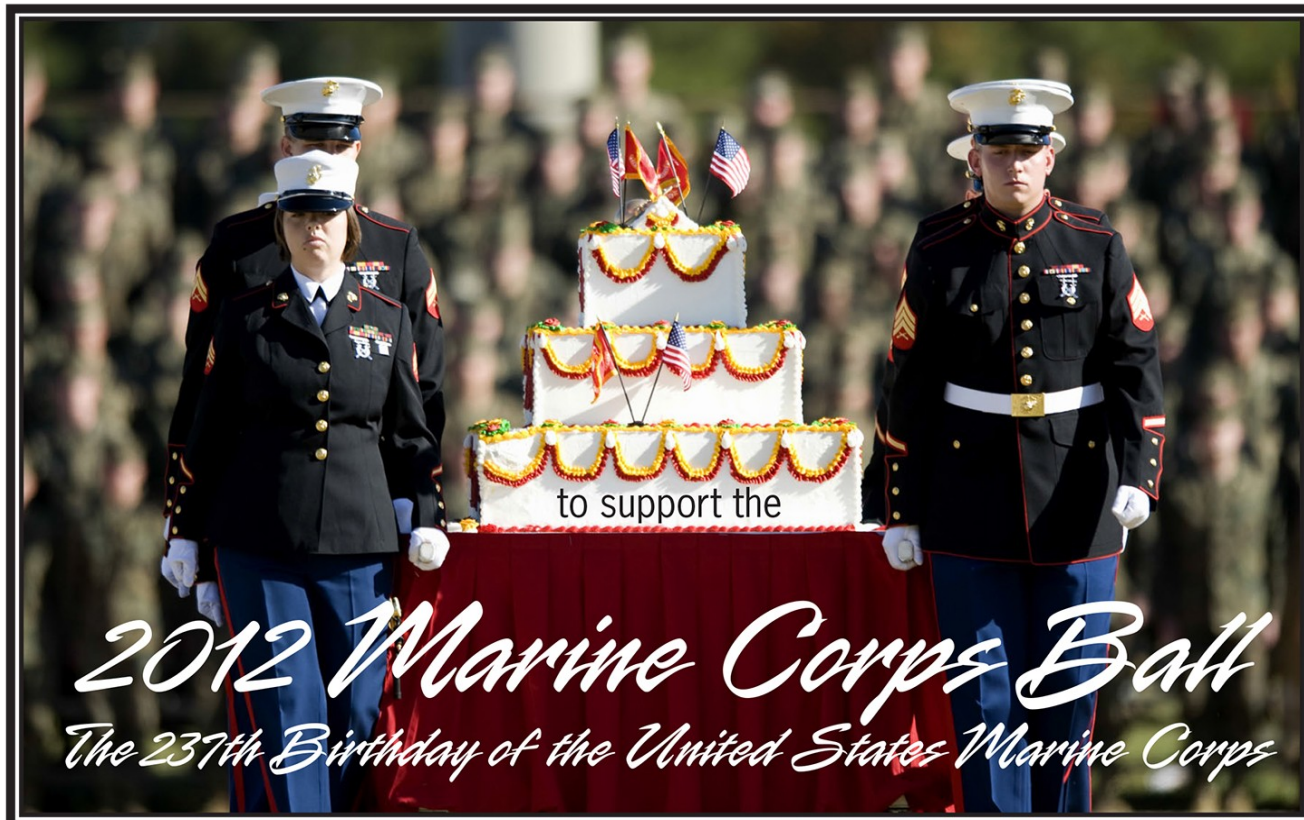


Photo: Cpl. Bryce Muhlenberg, USMC

This year's Marine Corps Ball will be hosted in Anaheim at the Disneyland Hotel for our own adopted 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) based at Camp Pendleton. The Marine Corps Ball is a formal celebration and long-standing tradition honoring the birthday of the United States Marine Corps, an official Marine Corps holiday as ordered by Commandant John A. Lejeune on November 1st, 1921 in Marine Corps Order No 47.

"Generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security."

~ Excerpt from Marine Corps Order No 47

Every November 10th, all Marines, young and old, near and far, at home, in the field and at sea, will stop and honor their Corps and contemplate what it means to be a Marine. The Marine Corps Ball is the most formal of these birthday celebrations.

At Home



Photo: LCpl Maxton Musselman, USMC

While Deployed



Photo: Cpl Skyler Tooker, USMC

Throughout History



Photo: Department of Defense

In the Field



Photo: LCpl Justin Davis, USMC

At Sea



Photo: MC3 Andrew R Smith, USMC

The Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee is asking for donations to help defray the costs for Marines to attend this celebration. Your contribution of \$1000, \$500 or \$100 will help achieve that goal.

Please mail your tax-deductable donation to:

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For More Info: www.anaheim.net/13thMEU

Questions? Please call: (714) 637-5575

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FOURTH OF JULY, 2012



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
CITY OF ANAHEIM



FROM THE MARINES AND SAILORS OF THE
13TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

COLONEL C. D. TAYLOR, USMC
COMMANDING OFFICER



Citizens of Anaheim, Mayor Tait and esteemed Council Leaders, and Carolyn and our Anaheim Adoption Committee,

It was a pleasure joining you for your Independence Day celebration. The continued hospitality and welcome of the Anaheim community means much to me as a Commander and our Marines and Sailors.

For a Marine Commander, operational readiness is about Marines & Sailors and their equipment, our families, and community.

We Marines and Sailors go forward with our Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Inter Agency partners to ensure our Nation's continued freedom and way of life. Our families, as much so as our Marines and Sailors, must be ready at all times. And a critical part of ensuring our families are ready for our deployments is community.

For the American military, our communities are our hosts and partners - as they have been since our Founding Fathers and Mothers declared independence and set forth in this great experiment of human freedom and liberty which we call democracy.

For many of the 13th MEU Marines and Sailors, distance from their places of birth both physically and psychologically separates and isolates them from their homes. With the dedicated leadership and support of the Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee, Mayor Tait and his team, and those fabulous people and businesses who contribute their valued time and resources, you loving people of Anaheim have given us a very real and appreciated home community.

Your heartfelt support is unparalleled. We recognize and appreciate that we could not have performed our mission to the level demonstrated these past years without you. Your love and care for our Marines & Sailors and their families has provided us a base of support as we have gone forward to meet the call of defending our great Nation's freedom.

As a Commander I am buttressed with the confidence that you wonderful people of Anaheim will continue to be our hosts and partners throughout the duration of this Long War and beyond. Thank you each and all.

Semper Fidelis & God Bless America


C. D. "Chuck" TAYLOR



We wanted to share a few letters that we've received from members of the MEU. We say a fond farewell to Lt. Col. Vincent Lumalcuri and wish him the best of luck in his new position and his new home. It has been a real pleasure working with them. Lt. Col and Mrs. Lumalcuri will truly be missed.

We've also attached a letter from Joe and Kayela who received one of the donated baby baskets and from the James and his family thanking us for the Easter baskets their children received. Blessings because people in the community cared enough to show their support for the brave men and women of the 13th MEU!

To My Friends in Anaheim,

As you know I have been transferred out of the 13th MEU. Lois and I are now getting settled into a very old house on the historic base at Indian Head, MD. By the end of this month I'll begin work as the Executive Officer of the Chemical and Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF).

The last couple of months have been extremely busy for me. I beg your pardon for not finding the time for a more personal goodbye.

Most of all I want to thank you for your selfless devotion in personal time and energy to the cause of supporting our service members and their families. I don't know if you realize the impact that each of you and the Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee as whole have had on countless Marines, Sailors and their families. On their behalf, thank you for all that you do.

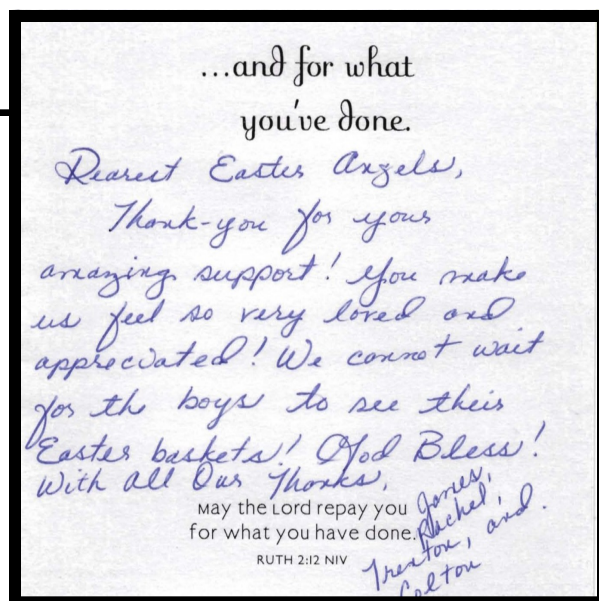
Finally, it was a pleasure serving with each and every one of you. I wish you and the Adoption Committee the very best for the future. Please do stay in touch.

Semper Fi,
Vinnie Lumalcuri

Bryan

I don't know if I said it before but thank you so much for everything after Kenny was born. The girls love the TV and its been a life saver at nap/quiet time. The basket was just amazing and the diapers will definitely come in handy. We are very lucky Joe is a part of such a great unit. I have never seen a unit so family orientated. So thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Kayela



CAR WASH

***Support Your Anaheim
Adopted Marines***



**Thursday, August 23rd
8:00 am - 6:00 p.m.**

ARCO AM PM

301 S. Anaheim Blvd and Broadway

*All funds go towards supporting the
Marines & Sailors of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit
and their families.*

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