



Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter November 2013

Have you been to the mall lately? It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!! Hard to believe that the stores are decorated and the shelves are stocked with ornaments, lights, ribbons and bows. All this Christmas cheer can only mean one thing: it's time to start collecting toys for the children of the 13th MEU.

Christmas 2013 will be a lonely one for the families as the Marines and Sailors will still be deployed. It's hard to imagine Christmas without your spouse or your parent but that is exactly what our families are facing this year.

BUT there is good news!!! Together, we can all make a difference in the lives of these brave families. Knowing that their sacrifices are not forgotten is a huge morale builder for our families and one very big way to show support is to make a donation to make Christmas just a little brighter!

Making a difference is as easy as donating a toy for one of these precious children. For the teenage children, we are looking for donations of gift cards. Of course, as always, if you cannot shop but would like to participate, your monetary donations are welcome - a committee member will be happy to do the shopping for you.



JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 15, 2014!

You, your family and friends are all invited to our inaugural Anaheim Semper 5K Run/Walk to be held at Sycamore Park in Anaheim Hills. There will also be a Kids Fun Run making it a fun event for the entire family. Following the race, stay and enjoy the festivities at the park, including an obstacle course for the kids, a Silent Auction and a Mini Taste of Anaheim Hills. This event is not only going to be fun, but it is to support a great cause - 100% of proceeds will be used to the benefit of the 13th MEU.

Please register at www.racewire.com/Semper5K. For the best rates, please register by November 15. **FREE entry to active duty members of the military.**

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of this event, please visit us @ www.sempers5K.org for sponsorship information.



Our Thanksgiving Dinner Drive is going well but we still need your donations! **The deadline is November 18.** If you'd like to help, please purchase a \$25 gift card from Vons or your favorite grocery store. No time to shop? Checks made payable to the Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee can be mailed to us and we'll gladly go out and purchase the cards for you. Please refer to the attached flyer for all the information on how to get your donations to us.



Your tax deductible donation for every event can be mailed to us: **Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee, 5753-G 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings

City Hall - 7th Floor
10:00am

2013

November 20, 2013
No meeting in December

2014

January 15, 2014
February 19, 2014
March 19, 2014
April 16, 2014
May 21, 2014
June 18, 2014
July 16, 2014
August 20, 2014
September 17, 2014
October 15, 2014
November 19, 2014
No meeting in December





13th MEU Thanksgiving Dinner Donations



The Adoption Committee is sponsoring a Thanksgiving dinner for the Marines and Sailors and their families.

Donate today!

\$25.00

If you would like to help support a family this Thanksgiving, please purchase a gift card from Von's or your favorite grocery store. Approximate cost per family is \$25.00, but as always, donations of any amount are welcome!

Checks can be mailed to us and we will do the purchasing.

Deadline for donations is November 18th.

Drop off at City Hall 7th Floor or Anaheim West Tower 11th floor

Or call for pick up at 714 637 5575 or 714 350 2886

anaheim.net/13thMEU or [Facebook.com/13thMEU](https://www.facebook.com/13thMEU)

Make checks payable to Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee
5753-G East Santa Ana Canyon Road #601 Anaheim, CA 92807

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:

Chaplain Darren Stennett
USS Boxer (LHD-4)
Command Element
13th MEU (S-1/CHAPS)
Unit 16051
FPO AP 96427-6051

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



Stay Connected

Adoption Committee Website: www.anaheim.net/13thMEU

Facebook: www.facebook.com/13thMEU

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors!!



**Mr. Jerry Zomorodian
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Thank you to the City of Anaheim for such a moving Veterans Day Celebration held this past Saturday, November 9. Thank you to the 15th MEU for sending a Color Guard for the presentation of colors. As the 13th MEU is currently deployed, it was wonderful that the 15th MEU was available to attend the event. The 238th Birthday of the Marine Corps was on November 10 and to close the Veterans Day Celebration, a birthday cake was brought in and in keeping with tradition, cake was presented to the Guest Speaker and the Oldest and Youngest Marine in attendance - pictured at far left of the photo on the right.



13th Marine Expeditionary Unit



CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

Help make the lives of our 13th MEU families brighter this holiday season by donating a GIFT CARD or new, unwrapped GIFT.

Deadline for donations is December 12th.

**Drop off at City Hall 7th Floor or
*Anaheim West Tower – Public Utilities
Customer Service Lobby, 1st floor.*
Anaheim Hills Chiropractic**

5769 E. Santa Ana Canyon Rd Anaheim, CA 92807 (714) 974-3700

**For more information, please refer to
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**To request a pick-up of your donation, call:
(714) 637-5575**



Anaheim Semper 5K

5K Run/Walk // Kids Fun Run

& Taste of Anaheim Hills Food Fest

15 February 2014 // 8AM

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ANAHEIM MARINE ADOPTION COMMITTEE*



COME FOR THE RUN...

Out-and-back 5K course staged at Sycamore Park in Anaheim Hills // RFID chip timing provided by RaceWire // FREE entry to active duty military // Age-group awards three deep // Special awards to overall race winners // Kids fun run and obstacle course in park following the 5K // Finisher medals and t-shirts to all 5K and kids run participants // Free bag check

... STAY FOR THE FUN ...

Visit us @ www.semper5K.org

Pick up an assortment of freebies & handouts from our event sponsors and area merchants at our fabulous finish-line expo // Sample delectable fare from some of Anaheim Hills' most popular eateries at our Taste of Anaheim Hills food fest. Entry is FREE to all event participants.

REGISTER BY 11/15
FOR BEST RATES

www.racewire.com/Semper5K

\$10.00 coupon to Kimmie's Coffee Cup to first 100 registrants!

* The Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) Adoption Committee Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity. All event proceeds go to support the Marines and Sailors of the 13th MEU and their families at Camp Pendleton. Visit www.Anaheim.net/13th MEU for more information on the Anaheim Adoption Committee and its activities in support of the 'Fighting 13th.'

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