



Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter July 2019

Come one, come all !!! It's time to celebrate America's birthday !!! The 31st Annual Fourth of July party is being hosted again this year by the [Anaheim Hills Community Council](#) and the [Anaheim Chamber of Commerce](#). Everyone is invited to come out to [Peralta Park](#) on July 4 and join in on the fun !!! Before the party, there is a patriotic parade which steps off at 1:00 from Canyon High School and travels north on Imperial Hwy, turning right on Santa Ana Canyon. We are excited to have members of the 13th MEU joining the celebration this year as they provide the **Color Guard**. We hope you are able to attend as they proudly present colors. After the parade everyone can head over to Peralta Park (115 N. Pinney Drive, Anaheim) to celebrate the 243rd birthday of this great nation. There will be great food, live music, fun with members of the community and a spectacular fireworks show. The Committee hopes you will come by the booth and say hello. We would love to tell you what we've been up to and to let you know about the various ways you can get involved in the support of our 13th MEU Marines, Sailors and their families. As the day turns into night and it gets dark, we will have some really cool red, white and blue blinking items that will be made available for a donation. As always, all donations will directly benefit our 13th MEU family and will fund our various programs. We sure hope to see you all there - it's always a great event and a wonderful way to spend the day celebrating our freedom !!!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings

City Hall - 7th Floor
10:00am
July 17, 2019
August 21, 2019
September 18, 2019
October 16, 2019
November 20, 2019
No Meeting in December

**Happy
INDEPENDENCE DAY**



**ONE NATION
UNDER GOD
INDIVISIBLE
WITH LIBERTY
& JUSTICE
FOR ALL**

- Francis Bellamy -



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.

Some interesting facts you may not have known about the 4th of July:

- ◆ We did not declare independence from Great Britain on July 4th; it was actually July 2nd. In fact, John Adams expected July 2nd to be our national independence day.
- ◆ The Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4th, 1776; it was signed by 56 different people over a six-month period. And most of them signed on August 2nd, 1776. It was formally ADOPTED by the Continental Congress on July 4th.
- ◆ The first public reading of the Declaration was on July 8th, 1776 in Philadelphia. They rang the Liberty Bell to summon people to Independence Hall for the reading.
- ◆ John McKean was the last person to sign the Declaration, in January of 1777.
- ◆ The word "patriotism" comes from the Latin word "patria," meaning "fatherland." So if you're a patriotic American, you're saying the United States is your FATHERLAND.
- ◆ Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on the 50th anniversary of the first Independence Day - July 4th, 1826.
- ◆ Congress didn't make the Fourth a federal holiday until 1941.
- ◆ According to legend, the iconic "American face stuffing competition" began in 1916, when four immigrants argued over who was the most patriotic, and somehow decided the best way to figure it out was by seeing who could shove the most hot dogs inside of them.

Thank you for your service - the Committee wishes you well as you move on to your next assignment !!! Enjoy your Rudis and we hope you fondly remember Anaheim when you look at it !!!



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 Chaplain Charlie Owens
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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Thank you to the **Anaheim Flag Day Committee** for another wonderful event celebrating **Old Glory** !!! The event was held on June 9 at Pearson Park and was attended by not only members of the Committee but members of the 13th MEU as well. Thank you to the Marines who came up from Camp Pendleton to participate. It was a beautiful day with good food, an awesome parade, essay content winners and of course plenty of red, white and blue ! She truly is a **GRAND OLD FLAG** !!!

Key Club Members



Essay Contest Winners

