

# Mission Viejo Marines and Sailors Adoption Committee



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MISSION VIEJO MARINES AND  
SAILORS ADOPTION COMMITTEE  
Enhancing the morale and well-being of the  
Headquarters Battalion of the  
1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton.

Adopted by the City of Mission Viejo on  
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## Supporting Our Adopted Troops

On March 20, 2006, the City of Mission Viejo City Council formally adopted the Headquarters Battalion of the 1st Marine Division stationed out of Camp Pendleton to show their support for the Marines and their families. Soon after, a committee was formed comprised of representatives from the community, City, and adopted Battalion, and aptly named the Mission Viejo Marines and Sailors Adoption Committee.

### Committee Mission

The mission of the Committee is to partner with the Mission Viejo Community Foundation, City, and Mission Viejo residents, organizations, and businesses to provide year-round support to Mission Viejo's adopted Marines and Sailors and their families. Committee volunteers are committed to making a positive impact in the lives of the men and women of the Headquarters Battalion that courageously protect our freedoms and to show them that the community "has their back" when they are at home and deployed.

*"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." - James Allen*



Our citizen-run adoption committee serves as a support system for the Headquarters Battalion and their families by sponsoring ongoing programs such as:

- Sending weekly care packages to deployed troops
- Annual Marine Benefit Golf Tournament and Boots, Beer and BBQ Fundraiser
- Fourth of July Street Faire and Mission Viejo Symphony in the Cities Fundraisers
- Coordinating an annual "Day at Lake Mission Viejo" for Marines and their families
- Subsidizing the cost for entry-level Marines to attend the annual Marine Corps Ball
- Collecting gowns for female Marines and Marine wives to wear at the annual Marine Corps Ball
- Distributing toys to the children of our Marines during the holidays
- Providing emergency monetary and/or supply assistance to Marines and their families
- Collecting baby items to provide baskets filled with goodies for expectant Marines and newborns
- Presenting quarterly recognition to outstanding Marines

The Committee sponsors many more meaningful and needed events and programs, but there are too many to list!

### Marines and Sailors of the Headquarters Battalion

Headquarters Battalion provides command, control, administration, and logistics for the 1st Marine Division. It consists of three companies: Communications Co, Headquarters Co, and Truck Co. The mission of the Headquarters Battalion is to conduct aggressive training while preparing our small-unit leaders at each level; demonstrate balanced excellence in every endeavor; and uphold the history, traditions, and ethos of our Marine Corps to support the Division for our upcoming deployment. The lineage of the Headquarters Battalion dates back to December 23, 1913 when it was activated in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is currently comprised of about 1,600 Marines and Sailors.

The City's adopted Marines are grateful to the community for its unwavering support and proudly participate in the City's Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, and other community events by providing inspirational speakers and Color Guard. They host social events and lend the Marine Corps Band to City functions. It is a relationship built on mutual admiration, love, and support.

