

NEWS RELEASE

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"Sponsor a Marine" to Attend the 235th Marine Corps Birthday Ball to be Held in Dana Point on Nov 10th

Dana Point 5th Marine Support Group Seeking Donors to Send Marines to Annual Celebration

DANA POINT, CA – OCT 15, 2010 - Col Willard A. Buhl Commanding Officer, Fifth Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton, is proud to announce the Marine Corps' 235th Birthday at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on, Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort in the beautiful beach community of Dana Point.

This year's ball will continue the proud tradition of celebrating the birthday of the United States Marine Corps, the official annual celebration of the 5th Marines at Camp Pendleton. The celebration is a regional event, attended by over 650 active duty and retired Marines and their spouses, as well as influential community and civic leaders.

However, our Marines need your help this year more then ever to help defray the expense of attending this wonderful annual celebration.

The cost of Ball Tickets, the alteration of their Dress Blue Uniforms, the procurement and mounting of Medals for bravery, purchase of a ball dress for their spouse or girlfriend are very expensive in comparison to their monthly wages. Incurred costs might approach \$200-\$400 or more as compared to the \$1500-\$1,600 a PFC or Lance Corporal might earn each month.

Our 5th Marines are spread throughout the world defending our freedom and helping those less fortunate than us. Our country's fight against terrorism acknowledges that freedom is not free; it comes with a cost, it is never free nor should it be taken for granted. Historically speaking, the 5th Marines are the most highly decorated Regiment in the Marine Corps. They are maintaining that tradition with Marines currently deployed in Afghanistan, Iraq and in maritime operations.

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Please join the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group in our efforts to help defray the expenses that will be incurred by our younger Troops. You can help by sponsoring a Marine for \$100.00 or a Table of Marines for \$1,000.00 to attend this years Marine Corps Ball. ANY donation would be welcome.

If you would like to Sponsor a Marine to attend the 235th Marine Corps Birthday Ball, you may:

DONATE ONLINE: You may make a secure donation online using your credit card or PayPal account at <u>www.DanaPoint5thMarines.com</u>

MAIL YOUR DONATION: Make a check out to the "Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group" and mail it to:

Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group ATTN: 5th MAR Ball Fund P.O. Box 471 Dana Point, CA 92629-0471

If you have any questions, you may contact us at 949-378-7984 or <u>SupportRMarines@cox.net</u>.

Donations will be made to the Dana Point 5th Marine Support Group, a non-profit group of concerned Dana Point citizens, and 100% of that donation will go toward "Sponsoring a Marine" to attend this year's Birthday Ball.

Thank you for helping us to put a Smile on our Marines' Faces. Your generous support and outreach are greatly appreciated.

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