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**2008 "MESS NIGHT" HONORING CITY'S ADOPTED MARINES  
BLACK TIE EVENT SET FOR THURSDAY MAY 22, 2008**

**NEWPORT BEACH, CA** (April 28, 2008) – The City of Newport Beach First Battalion First Marines (1/1) Adoption Committee invites the community to support our troops and honor the Officers and Staff Non-commissioned Officers of the Battalion during the 2008 Mess Night event on Thursday, May 22, 2008. The event will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Balboa Bay Club, 1221 West Pacific Coast Highway, Newport Beach. This will be the fourth time the City of Newport Beach Mess Night is held in honor of our Marines.

Members from both the First Marine Division Band and Nicholson Pipe and Drum Corps will be part of the evening's memorable program which promises to be impressive and at times emotional.

The City adopted the Battalion in December 2003. The Marine Corps traditional Mess Night dates back in to the 1800s when leaders of military units would gather with special guests to honor their country, their unit and their fallen comrades. For combat units like the 1/1, Mess Nights are frequently held prior to the unit going into battle or deploying. The Battalion recently returned from heavy fighting in Iraq and sadly, there are several men from the Battalion who died during this tour of duty during the intense engagement in and around Fallujah, Iraq.

Pre-paid event reservations are required. The cost is \$250 per ticket, which includes the cost of hosting our Marines as guests. Table sponsorships are available for \$2500. Dress is formal. Proceeds from the event will be used to assist family members of the Battalion, especially the families of younger enlisted men while the Marines are away. Contributions to the 1/1 Fund at Newport Beach are greatly appreciated at any time through the City of Newport Beach. For more information, please call Tammie Frederickson at 949-644-3000.

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