

## PATRIOTS 4 PENDLETON

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# Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter August 2024



## CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Baby Basket Drive  
Holiday Events

### P4P's Founding Patriots

*Jerry Zomorodian -  
All American Petroleum  
Brian Chuchua  
Christopher & Cecilia  
Hopper*

### P4P's Patriot Partners

*Ampac Business Capital  
Anaheim Hills Rotary Club  
Conservative Patriots of  
Orange County (CPOC)  
Earl Kelso  
Eric & Adele Ray  
Hunsaker & Associates  
John Lavender  
John Sheffield  
Kiwanis Club of Greater  
Anaheim  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 9195  
Kris Weber  
Lucille Bolduc  
Meghan Shigo  
Nikki Karell  
Orange Lutheran Lancer  
Baseball  
Ralph & Winnie Harp  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Church, Orange  
Veteran Air  
Victor & Theresa  
Chayasirisobhon  
Vietnam Veterans of  
America, Chapter 756  
Vision Calvary Chapel  
Wilson Automotive*



Thank you to **Marc and Sharon Giambalvo** for the generous donation of a pool table, a ping pong table and accessories. The tables are being gifted to the **1st Distribution Support Battalion** for the new rec room that they are putting together.



In order to transport the pool table to Camp Pendleton without throwing off the leveling, it had to be professionally dismantled. A big **THANK YOU** to **Julio and Jesus of Orange Billiards Service** who took such great care of the table as they dismantled it ensuring a safe trip to its new home.



The Marines were all too happy to help unload the pool table when it was delivered to Camp Pendleton on Friday. The rec room will be so nice once they get it all fixed up.

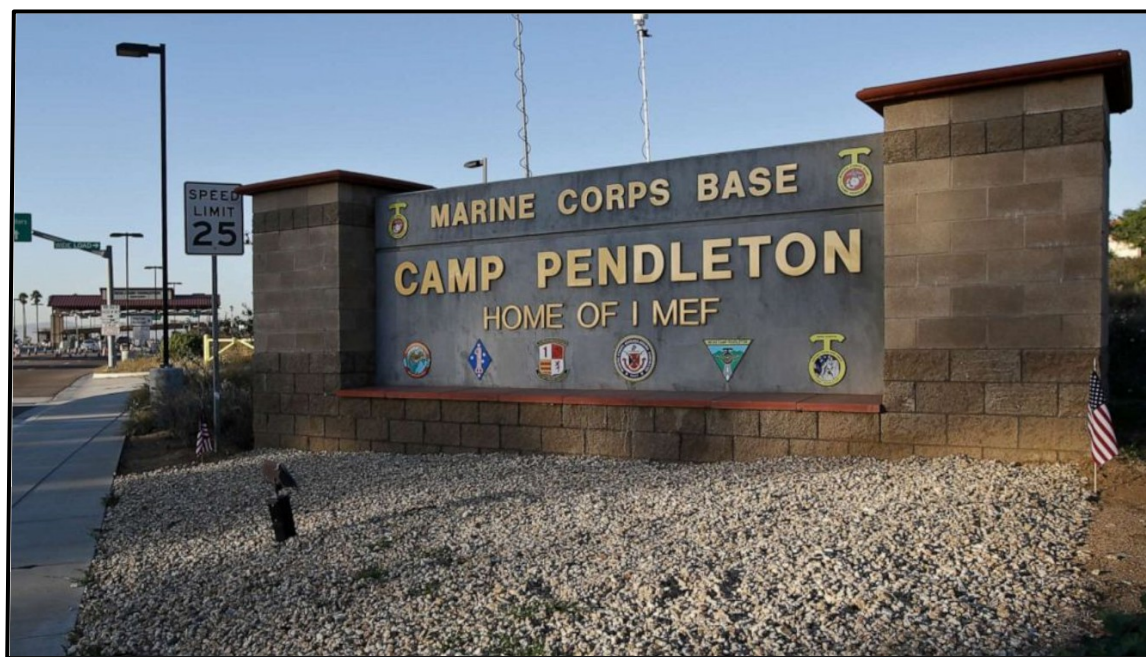
We recently picked up two additional units that we are going to be supporting and we just delivered 5 more baby baskets to members of these two units. There are several more babies on the way and if you are interested in helping out and you love babies, this is a fun way to show your support. Please see the flier on page 4 for more information. If you'd like to donate but don't have time to shop, monetary donations are always welcome and we'll do the shopping for you. \$25 Target or Walmart cards are also needed.



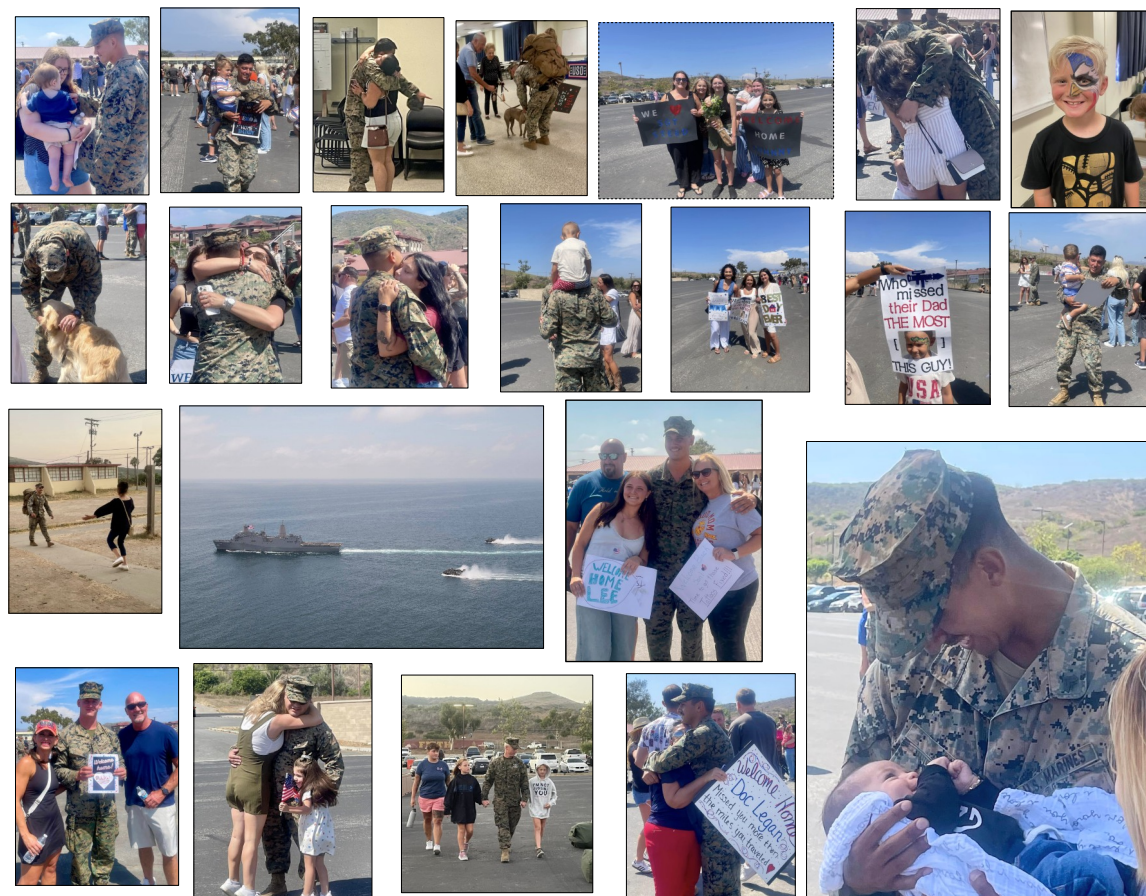
### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To assist military personnel at Camp Pendleton and to serve their families by providing financial, educational and social enrichment programs as they face the unique challenges of military life while standing ready to selflessly defend our country. We will inspire and encourage members of the community to join us as we honor, support and show appreciation to the Marines, Sailors and their families and will afford opportunities for the community to do so through various outreach programs throughout the year.





**WELCOME HOME** to members of the **15<sup>th</sup> MEU** who have been deployed on the USS Somerset and who arrived back to Camp Pendleton on August 10. Deployments are difficult on everyone but Homecoming is the best day ever. Praises are heaven-bound for keeping them safe and bringing them home. Prayers are still appreciated as there are still members of the 15<sup>th</sup> MEU deployed on the USS Harpers Ferry and the USS Boxer.



## Stay Connected

We hope that you'll visit, like and share our page. To access us, you'll just need to type in the name **Patriots 4 Pendleton** in the search bar.

## Get Involved

### Write

If you would like to send a letter or card of support to a member of the 15<sup>th</sup> MEU, please write to:

"Any Marine"  
c/o Chaplain Paul Rodgers  
15<sup>th</sup> MEU  
P.O. Box 555365  
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055

### Say a Prayer



### Donate

We are happy to answer any questions you may have; please feel free to contact us by phone at **714-637-5575** or by email [patriots4pendleton@gmail.com](mailto:patriots4pendleton@gmail.com)

There are several ways you can donate:

Donate through **Zelle** using our **email address**

Donations can be **mailed** to Patriots 4 Pendleton  
154 Jerrilee Lane,  
Anaheim, CA 92807

You can donate through the link on our website page which can be accessed [here](#) or you can donate through our square account by clicking [Donate](#)

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All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

**Thank You**  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



# MARINE CORPS RESERVE BIRTHDAY



The Marine Corps Reserve birthday will be celebrated on August 29/

The Marine Forces Reserve (also known as the United States Marine Corps Reserve or the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve) was created in 1916, in conjunction with the creation of the Navy Reserve. Since then, the evolution of this force would expand from just thirty-five to today's roughly 40,000 Marine Corps Reservists. The Marine Corps Reserve Birthday is observed every year on the 29th of August.

The Marine Forces Reserve is tasked with the mission of augmenting and reinforcing active duty Marine forces during a war or open hostilities, national emergencies, and contingency operations. The Marine Corps Reserve also relieves active duty forces in peacetime missions and offers service to the community.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson's signature on the Naval Appropriations Act brought the concept of a Navy and Marine Corps Reserve force to life. When the United States joined World War One, the Marine Reserve forces totaled three officers and 32 enlisted Marines, but by the time the war ended that number expanded to over 6,000 total Reservists.

The Naval Reserve Act of 1925 brought change and more organization to the Marine Corps Reserve, but during a period of downsizing. By 1930 there was talk about saving money by merging the United States Marine Corps with the U.S. Army. That's an idea that didn't come to pass; after some public outcry by elected officials in favor of a standalone Marine Corps, the idea was abandoned.

Some ten years later, the House Naval Affairs Committee approved an increase in Drill Status Reserves to 485 officers and 6,500 enlisted Marines, plus a standby reserve of more than 2,000 officers and 1,600 enlisted.

This act seemed to solidify the future of the United States Marine Corps Reserve, and in 1938 a replacement Naval Reserve Act was passed, creating the basis for the Marine Reserve force we have today.

The Marine Corps began to expand its' horizons during World War Two, with the creation of The Marine Corps Women's Reserve, which was authorized by Congress in July 1942. Other branches of the military had started accepting women for service, and the Marine Corps Women's Reserve swore in its first director, Maj. Ruth Cheney Streeter, in 1943. The first 71 female officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School soon after, with over 700 enlisted women entering Marine Corps boot camp.

In 1947, it seemed as though the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Reserve were on the chopping block once more. The Armed Forces Unification Act created a new Department of Defense, but some sources say the act was also "aimed at the abolishment of the Marine Corps in the name of unification," according to the official site of The Marine Corps Reserve Association.

However, the Reserve Forces Act of 1948 included standardized pay for Marine Corps Reserve drills, active duty training, and created a retirement pay program. The United States Marine Corps and The Marine Corps Reserve were here to stay.

Years later, after the end of the military draft and the transition to an all-volunteer force in the 1970s, the United States Marine Corps Reserve would build itself into an approximately 38,000 members-strong force in the Marine Corps Select Reserve with another approximate 70,000 Marines serving in the Individual Ready Reserve that we know today.

The Marine Corps Reserve birthday is an internal observance, with an emphasis on Marine heritage and culture. It's not a public holiday or a widely observed date, but those who wish to honor the creation of the United States Marine Corps Reserve on its' birthday, Aug. 29, may consider flying the American flag and the Marine Corps flag on the anniversary.

The Marine Corps Reserve is open to qualified candidates between 18 and 29 years old. Prospective recruits may be permitted to join at 17 as long as there is documented parental consent. All Marine Corps Reserve candidates must have a high school diploma, though some GED holders are permitted to join on a limited basis if the candidate has high enough scores on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB).

All Marine Corps recruits, active duty, and Reservists alike will experience 12 weeks of Recruit Training at Parris Island, South Carolina, or receive basic training at the Recruit Training Depot in San Diego, California. Basic training/Recruit Training is a physically and mentally demanding process that instills Marine Corps values and teaches new recruits how to function as a team. The Marines are very proud of the fact that new recruits are trained the same no matter if they are active or Reserve.

Marine Reservists learn combat training including marksmanship, close combat, and physical training which is meant in part to prepare the new recruits to navigate the Marine Corps confidence course which is run twice in the training phase.

Upon graduating from Basic Training, Marine Reserve Recruits will be trained in an occupation which can be directly combat-related but may also include support services such as Intelligence, Law Enforcement, Cyber, and much more.

~ Written by Veteran.com Team



Babies are such a gift and **Patriots 4 Pendleton** has a way to help you celebrate the new bundles of joy that our Marines will be welcoming soon. Working together, we can assemble and distribute baby baskets for newborns on Camp Pendleton.



**Patriots 4 Pendleton** will be donating a gift basket to newborns at Camp Pendleton to help welcome them to the world. Any and all donations are appreciated – from items listed below which will be used by P4P to assemble gift baskets to completed gift baskets to monetary donations which will be used to buy commissary cards to be included in the baskets. Money still goes a little further at the Commissary than a store off base. Checks should be made payable to **Patriots 4 Pendleton** and mailed to **154 Jerrilee Lane, Anaheim, CA 92807**. Please write Baby Baskets on the memo line of your check.

**Items requested:** Onesies  
Pajamas  
Clothing  
Socks, Booties and Shoes  
Receiving, Crib and Swaddle Blankets  
Hooded Bath Towels and Wash Cloths  
Baby Shampoo, Body Wash, Baby Oil and Lotion  
Burp Cloths  
Diapers – Newborn and Size 1  
Baby Wipes  
Diaper Wash Ointment  
Durable Laundry Baskets  
Rattles, Toys and Small Stuffed Animals appropriate for newborns  
**NO BABY POWDER PLEASE**



For more information contact [patriots4pendleton@gmail.com](mailto:patriots4pendleton@gmail.com) or 714-637-5575

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