

# Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter December 2024

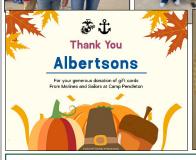




Thank you again to the **Albertsons** located at 810 S. State College Blvd in Anaheim and to their **customers** who donated to the **Nourishing Neighbors Program**. Donations directly benefited so many of our Marines and Sailors in the form of gift cards which were handed out at Thanksgiving.

These gift cards helped offset the cost of the Marine's holiday meals and were so truly appreciated by all who received one. Thank you also to **Gift Card Bank** who distributes the gift cards and has been so helpful and supportive. We have been blessed to be a recipient of this program for several years and cannot thank everyone enough.









Our Christmas Toy and Gift Card Drive has been going strong and is coming to an end – we've extended the deadline date to the 21st. There is still time for patriots throughout the community to join in on the fun. We are collecting unwrapped toys for the kids up to age 12 and \$25 gift cards for the teens and single Marines. The toys and gift cards will be delivered to Camp Pendleton and distributed at the various Christmas events. These young families sacrifice daily and ask for nothing in return and the outpouring of support is appreciated and means more than you'll ever know.

The various ways to donate are shown on page 2. We have been blessed by so many generous people this year and doing fabulous with toys but could use more gift cards. Cash donations are welcome – we'll be happy to do the shopping for you. We've had more blessings this year with the birth of several babies who were born in December and will also be providing baby baskets to the happy families.

#### **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.

# CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Toy and Gift Card Drive

### **P4P's Founding Patriots**

Jerry Zomorodian -All American Petroleum <mark>Brian Chuchua</mark> Christopher & Cecilia Hopper

### P4P's Patriot Partners

Ampac Business Capital Anaheim Hills Rotary Club

Angela DeCarlo Circle C Storage and U-Haul

Conservative Patriots of Orange County (CPOC)

Dwight Reilly

Earl Kelso Hunsaker & Associates

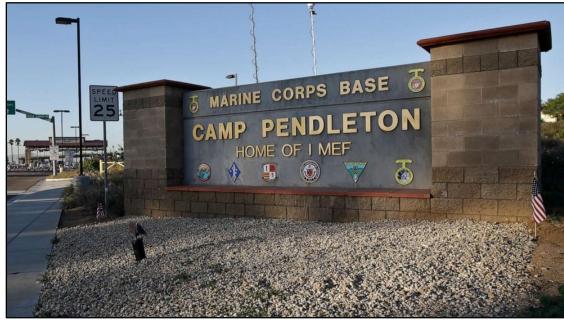
John Lavender John Sheffield Kiwanis Club of Greater

Anaheim
Knights of Columbus
Council 9195
Kris Weber
Lucille Bolduc

Orange Lutheran Lancer Baseball

San Antonio Catholic Church Ministries St. Mary Magdalene Church, Orange Victor & Theresa Chayasirisobhon Vietnam Veterans of

America, Chapter 756 Vision Calvary Chapel Wilson Automotive





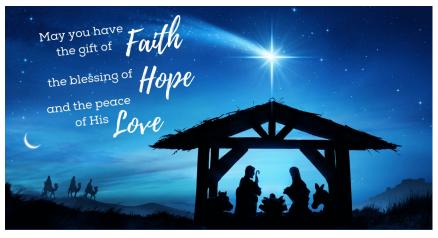


Thank you to a patriotic resident of Yorba Linda who had furniture that she was donating. She contacted us and asked if there was a Marine who could use it and it wasn't but a few days later that a Marine came up and picked up the generous donation of a lovesat, a recliner and table and two chairs. We are so proud to be in a community of such kind and giving people.

The donor has asked to remain anonymous. We thank her for her kindness and for thinking of our Marines and hope that she knows the difference she made. The Marines are so appreciative of the outpouring of support they receive from our donors. Knowing that they are supported is the best gift of all – it really is priceless.



Five more baby baskets were delivered to new parents recently and this new dad looks pretty happy. Congratulations Marine on your new baby boy!



Merry Christmas from our families to yours.

We pray that the love, wonder and joy of the season surrounds you and your families during the season and continues into the new year.



# **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 15th MEU, please write to:

"Any Marine" c/o Chaplain Paul Rodgers 15th 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

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 <a href="here">here</a> or you can donate through our square account by clicking <a href="Donate">Donate</a>

Charity ID #88-0708341

All donations are taxdeductible as allowed by law.



Thank you to the **Anaheim Hills Rotary** who presented **P4P** with a generous donation and 1,000 Thank You cards that members of the community wrote to be given to our Marines. Members of the 15<sup>th</sup> MEU recently returned from deployment and the cards will be included in their welcome home bags. The donations were given to us at their recent *Flags Of Honor* event held annually over the Veterans Day

weekend. Such an amazing way to honor loved ones.

If you missed it, do yourself a favor and check it out next year

you won't regret it. We'll be sharing the event information.



The Lancer Baseball family from Orange Lutheran High School kicked off our 2024 Toy Drive and what an event it was. The team and their families have been huge supporters of Camp Pendleton Marines and Sailors for so many years and we've been blessed to have them as partners once again this year. The toy drive was held during their games on November 23 and not only do they bring toys, they invite the opposing teams to participate. Thank you to everyone who participated and to Coach Dan for thinking of our Marines every year – he has been instrumental in the success of this event every year and we appreciate him and his fellow coaches for what they do every year. Seven Marines from Camp Pendleton came up to attend the event and meet those who donated and even had the honor of simultaneously throwing out the first pitch.































181 Toys were donated at this event. Blessed and Grateful!









# \*\* SUPPORT OUR TROOPS THIS CHRISTMAS \*\*

The most sacred time of the year is upon us and *Patriots 4 Pendleton* is collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys and \$25 gift cards. Toys will be gifted to infants up to age 12 while teenagers and single Marines who aren't able to go home for Christmas will be blessed with the gift cards.

We are inviting the community to join us in our support of the brave men, women and families stationed at **Camp Pendleton**. So many units do not have outside community support and in order to help with those units as well as supporting the 15th MEU, **P4P** has set a goal of sharing the love the season is all about with **FOUR** units this year. While it is a large goal, we are stepping out in faith and know that our patriots out there are up to helping us achieve this goal - it's all of **YOU** who make this happen !!!

This is a great opportunity for you to invite your family, friends, church congregation, Sunday School class, civic clubs and co-workers to come together and show appreciation for those who stand ready to defend our country. Many of these young families are far away from home for the first time with no family or friends to spend the holidays with - that's where we come in !!!!

# \*\* MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING NEW TOYS OR A \$25 GIFT CARD \*\*

\* We are also in need of raffle prizes \*

For more information, please call 714-637-5575 or email us at <a href="mailto:patriots4pendleton@gmail.com">patriots4pendleton@gmail.com</a>
Deadline date is Tuesday, December 17
Monetary donations are also welcome; we're happy to do the shopping for those who can't.

