



# Patriots 4 Pendleton

## Monthly Newsletter

### December 2023



Thank you again to all involved with the **Nourishing Neighbors** program. Just a few of the Marines and Spouses from the 2 units who were blessed by those who gave.

## CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS



## Christmas Toy and Gift Card Drive

### P4P's Founding Patriots

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

### P4P's Patriot Partners

*Anaheim Hills Rotary Club  
Conservative Patriots of  
Orange County  
Earl Kelso  
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  
Rhona Gewelber  
Transformation Health &  
Wellness  
Veteran Air  
Vietnam Veterans of  
America, Chapter 756  
Vision Calvary Chapel  
Wilson Automotive*

### 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.



Christmas is just around the corner and our Toy and Gift Card drive has been underway for a few weeks now. We are being blessed beyond measure with donations from so many Patriots and so many of our Patriot partners. The need is great this year and so many are responding. With that being said, we have a long way to go and there is still time for you to participate. We are collecting unwrapped toys for our military kiddos from birth to age 12 and \$20 gift cards for the teens. We can never forget about our single Marines, especially those who are not able to go home for the Holidays, so we are also collecting \$25 gift cards to gift them with, bringing a bit of home to them.

This is a great group project and a great way to show your support for these families. These young families sacrifice daily and ask for nothing in return. When all of the amazing donations are taken down to Camp Pendleton, the families are in awe of the outpouring of support but also the fact that complete strangers would do so much for them is priceless and the best gift they can receive. Please see the attached flyer for information on how you can help. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you may have.



## 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](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](#)

**Charity ID #88-0708341**

All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

**Thank You**  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Over the last several months, members of the **15th MEU** have been busy with their pre-deployment training and will be through the month. They are currently out to sea for amphibious training exercises which is also a peek at deployment separation. The sacrifices are great on every level and we cannot express our gratitude enough to these young military families who know how difficult military life can be but choose to do it anyway - because they understand the need to serve a cause that is bigger than all of us. **THANK YOU** to all of you for your selflessness.





I went with a friend to drop off recyclables at Recycle Saturday sponsored by the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** this past Saturday. Watching these amazing men in action was a pleasure. They have it down to a science as they collect, separate, bag up and load the truck to deliver to the recycle center. Grandkids often times join their grandpas to help out which was so nice to see. We truly appreciate the support for our Marines, Sailors and families given by this amazing group of men over the years. It was nice to pay them a visit and thank them in person. Keep up the good work gentlemen - you are appreciated by so many and your good works will be rewarded !!!

### NEVER FORGET !!!!

**Freedom is not free:** 2,403 lives lost, 1,178 wounded, 169 US Aircraft destroyed, 159 US Aircraft damaged, 3 US Ships destroyed, 16 US Ships damaged, the surprise attack that prompted President Roosevelt to declare war against Japan and the beginning of World War II.

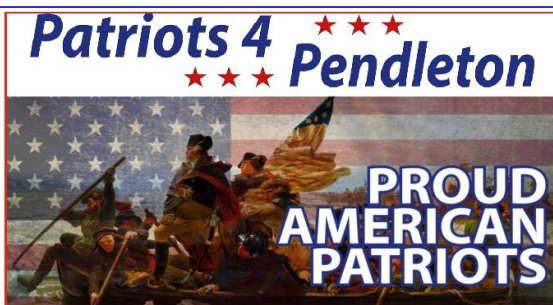
The battleship USS Arizona remains sunken in Pearl Harbor with its crew onboard. Half of the dead at Pearl Harbor were on the Arizona. A United States Flag flies above the sunken battleship, which serves as a memorial to all Americans who died in the attack.

## Pearl Harbor REMEMBRANCE DAY

*December 7th, 1941*

*"A date which will live in infamy... No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory."*  
-President Franklin D. Roosevelt





## **\*\* 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 those single Marines who aren't able to go home for Christmas will be blessed with the gift cards.

We are inviting the community to partner with 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 **two large** units this year; one that recently returned from deployment and one who will be deploying in early 2024. We hope to surpass this goal and if we do, other units will be blessed as well. While this 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 and that is where we come in. The support we all give is priceless and knowing they are not forgotten goes so much further than the toy or the gift card !!!!

## **\*\* 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 [patriots4pendleton@gmail.com](mailto:patriots4pendleton@gmail.com)  
Deadline date is Tuesday, December 12

