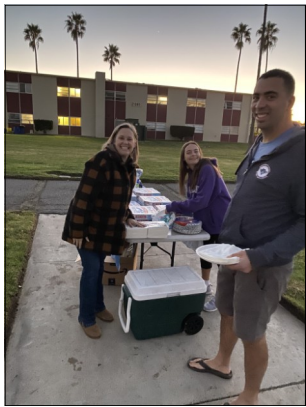


## PATRIOTS 4 PENDLETON

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# Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter February 2023

The first family event of 2023 was held on January 27. Families of the **15th MEU** enjoyed a drive-in movie right on the 15th MEU command parade deck at Camp Pendleton. The movie shown was *The Mitchell's vs The Machines*, a movie made for the entire family. **Patriots 4 Pendleton** was honored to provide the pizza dinner for those who came out and enjoyed a good movie and fellowship with members of their 15th MEU family. It's really the little things that mean so much !!!



### 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

Easter Event  
*Details to follow next month*

### 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  
Lillian Treiberg  
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 City Church  
Wilson Automotive*



### A Prayer for Peace

Abraham Lincoln  
Washington D.C.  
March 4, 1801

*"Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will.*

*Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people, the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endow with Thy spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

### Prayer for the United States of America

George Washington  
Inaugural Prayer  
April 30, 1789

*"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.*

*And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*



### 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](#)

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**Thank You**  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## 78th Anniversary of the Battle at Iwo Jima

78 years ago, a battle raged in the Pacific Theater of World War II.

Located roughly half way between Saipan and Tokyo, and directly under the flight path of B-29 *Superfortress* bombers headed to Japan, the island of Iwo Jima was a Japanese stronghold of crucial strategic importance and could not be bypassed. Not only would Iwo Jima make an excellent base for Allied fighters escorting B-29 raids, but it would also project the flank of the forthcoming invasion of Okinawa.

Three Marine divisions, more than 80,000 men, were assigned the task of taking the island, which was barely 10 square miles in area and dominated by 556 foot Mount Suribachi. The assault began on 19 Feb. 1945 following a terrific naval bombardment which Japanese LtGen Kuribayashi described as "far beyond description." The first wave of Marines had more trouble with the terrain than enemy fire, but the Japanese responded quickly from their dug in positions and swept the beaches with concentrated fire. Iwo Jima would be a very tough fight.

On **23 Feb. 1945**, the Marines took control of Mount Suribachi. Onlookers cheered as the assault platoon fought to the summit and raised a small flag. Later that day, different troops raised a larger flag while others respectfully lowered the original. Several combat photographers captured these stirring events on film, but Joe Rosenthal's snapshot of the men struggling to raise the second flag in a stiff wind became an enduring symbol of American resolve.

The battle for control of Iwo Jima lasted 36 days. The final death toll among Marines was 5,931 killed in action, died of wounds or missing in action and presumed dead - more than twice as many Marines than had been killed in all of World War One. An additional 209 deaths occurred among the Navy corpsmen and surgeons assigned to the Marines. The Fifth Fleet and participating U.S. Army and Army Air Corps units suffered other fatalities during the battle. In all, more than 800 Americans gave their lives for every square mile of Iwo Jima's black volcanic sand.

- National Museum of the Marine Corps -

**Never forget the cost; FREEDOM IS NOT FREE !!!**



Committing a **Random Act of Kindness** is something that each of us can do - any day, every day. It's a great way to bless someone; a loved one or a stranger. The amazing thing about random acts of kindness is that those who commit them are equally blessed as those who receive them, maybe even more so. Try it, you'll like it !!!