

## **PATRIOTS 4 PENDLETON**

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# **Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter February 2025**

Every year on November 10 the **United States Marine Corps** celebrates its birthday. The Corps was established in 1775 and turned **249** last year. Since the **15<sup>th</sup> MEU** was deployed, they held their Birthday Ball on December 10 at Harrah's Resort Southern California in San Diego.

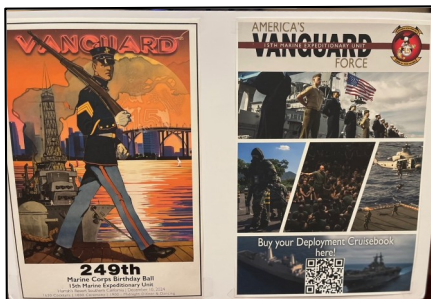
The Birthday Ball is a formal event and attendees are expected to dress accordingly. The Ball is one of the most important events on the Marine Corps calendar. The event is a chance for Marines and their families to come together and celebrate the Corps' history, traditions, and values. It's also an opportunity for Marines to honor those who have served before them and to reflect on their own service.

The ball typically starts with a receiving line, where Marines and their guests are introduced to the commanding officer and other senior leaders. After the receiving line, there is a ceremony that includes a presentation of the colors, the Marine Corps Hymn, and a speech by a guest speaker. The dinner portion of the Marine Corps Ball is an elaborate affair, featuring multiple courses and plenty of toasts in celebration of the Corps. It's also a time to honor Marines who have previously served, who are never referred to as "former Marines".

Marine veterans are referred to as "Marines." Once a person earns the title of United States Marine, they are always considered and referred to as a Marine. The oldest and youngest Marines in attendance are recognized at the ball, as are Marines who have recently returned from combat.

One of the more popular events of the Marine Corps Ball is the ceremonial cake cutting. During the cake cutting the first slice of cake is traditionally given to the guest of honor, who then passes it to the oldest Marine present who in turn passes it to the youngest Marine in attendance. This is one of the highlights of the Marine Corps Ball. The oldest and youngest Marines in attendance are usually chosen to participate in this special tradition, symbolizing the passing of knowledge and experience from one generation to the next. It's a beautiful moment that truly captures the camaraderie and brotherhood/sisterhood of the Marine Corps.

After dinner, the dancing begins. The DJ or band typically plays a mix of music, from slow ballads to upbeat pop songs. Marines and their guests are encouraged to dance and have a good time. There may also be a photo booth or other entertainment provided.



## **CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Baby Basket Drive  
Easter Events

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

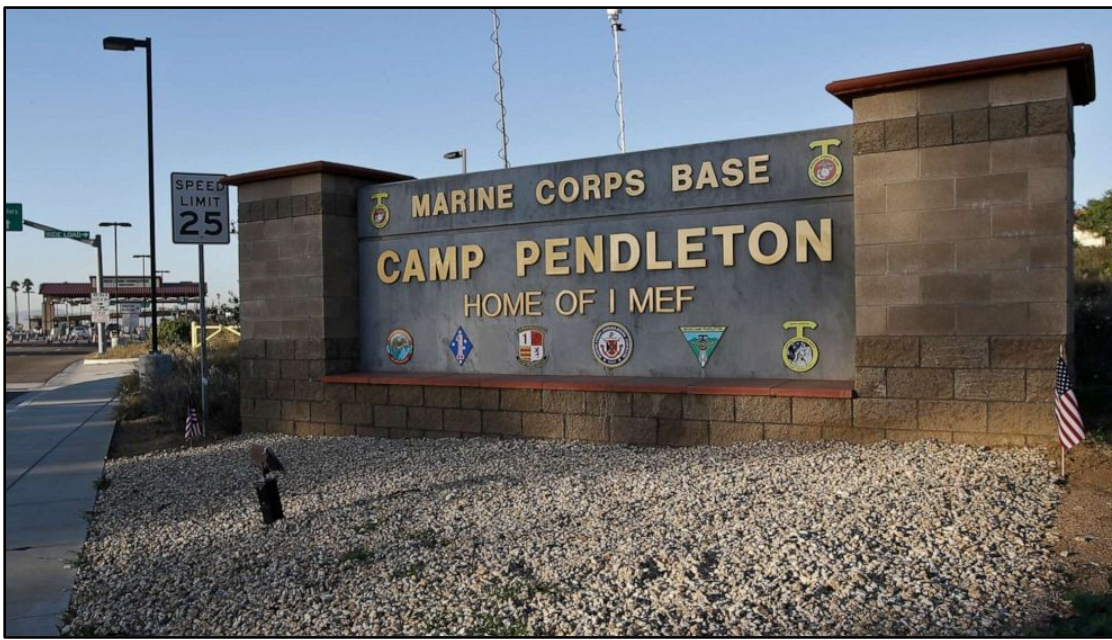
*Jerry Zomorodian -  
All American Petroleum  
Brian Chuchua  
Christopher & Cecilia  
Hopper*

### **P4P's Patriot Partners**

*Adele Ray  
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  
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Anaheim  
Knights of Columbus  
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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*

### **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.



## 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**

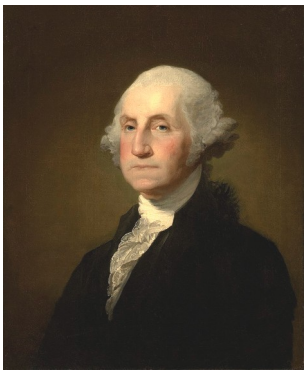
Donations can be **mailed** to  
Patriots 4 Pendleton  
154 Jerrilee Lane  
Anaheim, CA 92807

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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All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

**Thank You**  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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 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.

~ George Washington, First President of the United States

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will.  
Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners.

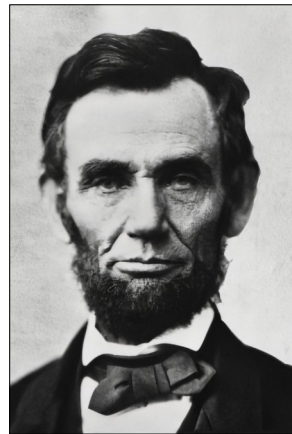
Save us from violence, discord, and confusion,  
from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.  
Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people,  
the multitude brought here out of many kindreds and tongues.

Endow with Your spirit of wisdom those whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law, we may show forth Your 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 You to fail;  
all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~ Abraham Lincoln, 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States



## 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.







As we had reported earlier, **Patriots 4 Pendleton** picked up three new units in 2024. With all of the units we are now supporting, we have been very busy making baby baskets. There is already a long list of new babies arriving in the next few months and we imagine that the list will continue to grow throughout the year. New babies are added on an almost weekly basis and we could use your help with donations of baby items. **Thank you** again to the **Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim** for their donation of Baby 411 books. Thank you for the recent donation of homemade baby blankets and quilts to **Shirlene Upward** and **Doris Lenz**.

If you are interested in helping and providing new families with a basket full of goodies they'll need in the first few months after bringing their little bundles of joy home, please feel free to call us at **714-637-5575** or email us at **Patriots4Pendleton@gmail.com** - below is a list of suggested items:

Onsies, Pajamas, Clothing, Socks, Booties, Shoes, Receiving, Crib and Swaddle Blankets, Hooded Bath Towels, Wash Cloths, Baby Shampoo, Body Wash, Baby Oil, Baby Lotion, Burp Clothes, Diapers (Newborn and Size 1), Baby Wipes, Diaper Rash Ointment, Durable Laundry Baskets, Rattles, Toys and Small Stuffed Animals (please no plastic eyes, etc that could be torn off and swallowed), Gift Cards (\$25 and/or \$50 denominations, (preferable stores are Target and Walmart), hair brushes, baby bottles and brushes, baby thermometers and nasal aspirators.

Monetary donations are also welcome. (No baby powder please)



**Patriots 4 Pendleton** said goodbye to **Colonel Dynan** and his family and welcomed **Colonel McDonald** and his family at their Change of Command Ceremony on January 16. It was pleasure working with **Colonel Dynan** in our support of the 15th MEU and we look forward to working alongside **Colonel McDonald** as our support continues. These ceremonies are always so beautiful and emotional but always bittersweet as it's hard to say "good bye. We wish them the best in their new assignments as the next chapter in their lives begin. May God bless them for their service to our great nation and may He grant them wisdom as they lead their Marines. Semper Fi!

**THANK YOU** to the generous members of the **Knights of Columbus Council 9195** from San Antonio Church in Anaheim Hills for their recent donation. A check was recently presented by **John Quinlan**, Deputy Grand Knight and **Jim Zures**, Grand Knight to a member of P4P. The check has been blotted out to protect the donor's personal information

