

Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter January 2023

What an amazing Christmas our families had. Our prayers were definitely answered and the amount of support received was above and beyond our wildest dreams. There are so many who came together for the common cause of sharing the spirit and love of Christmas with our Marines, Sailors and their families. We had individuals, businesses and other non-profits donate toys, gift cards, Santa hats, candy bags, spice packets, raffle prizes and monetary donations which was used to pay for the 15th MEU's Christmas dinner. Enough toys were donated for several units and to say that our families were grateful is an understatement. It was beyond humbling having several families tell us that had it not been for the toys and gift cards donated by so many in the community, their children would have not received anything for Christmas as it's been a tough year. One of the raffle prizes was a set of Rachel Ray pans and the Marine and his wife who won that prize told us that they were so happy as they needed pots and pans so badly. They only have a few and have never owned brand new or matching pots and pans for that matter. It's the little things that make us realize how really important what we all do together is. And of course, the highlight at the parties was Santa and Mrs. Claus. We are so happy that they were able to take time out of their very busy Christmas schedules to spend time with our families. Watching the kids (and families) sitting on the laps of Santa and Mrs. Claus and telling them what was on their Christmas list was a highlight for us as well. Thank you, Santa and Mrs. Claus for bringing such joy to the lives of these very special families.

Thank you to **IMPECCABLE TASTE CATERING** in **Pasadena** for preparing and serving the meal for the 15th MEU. Even coming all the way from Pasadena to Camp Pendleton the food was hot and delicious. The families enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner complete with ham, chicken and all the sides from salad to stuffing and candied yams and everything in between.

We want to shout out a big THANK YOU to the countless numbers of individuals who donated along with those who partnered with us again this year in holding toy drives - we have been so blessed by such amazing donors and partnerships who share our passion for those who so selflessly serve. Thank you so much to ORANGE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL LANCER BASEBALL for inviting their families to bring toys to one of their games. Not only did their families bring toys, they invited the teams from Cypress, Ocean View and Fountain Valley to bring toys as well. We had 5 Marines from the 15th MEU in attendance and part of the fun is that they were invited to throw out the first pitch. We also thank the CONSERVATIVE PATRIOTS OF ORANGE COUNTY who once again shared their Christmas party with our families in that they invited all those in attendance to bring a toy and/or gift card to donate to the 15th MEU. The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9195 from San Antonio Church in Anaheim also partnered with us again this year and donated gift cards for the single Marines who were not able to go home for the holidays. We were also blessed by AMPAC BUSINESS CAPITAL (Ontario) this year who did an amazing job collecting toys and gift cards at one of their holiday events. The members of VISION CITY CHURCH (Irvine) have been so supportive all year and continued their support with donated toys, raffle prizes and gift cards. HUNSAKER & ASSOCIATES (Irvine) has also been a huge supporter of our military and as they've done for so many years, they invite their employees to bring toys and gift cards to their annual Christmas party which are donated to our families. They also invite us and Marines to attend their party where we enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner with their employees. The Marines are always welcome guests, treated like family and are invited to speak to the attendees. Thank you once again to Steve "SPERNAKLAUS" Spernak for donating so many large stuffed animals which decorate Santa's stage and are also free to the kids who want to choose one as their toy.

Thank you again for everyone's support - we can't do it without all of you and we are beyond grateful for everyone. We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2023 - praying for love, pure joy and peace.

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

Valentine's Day Event Easter Event

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 **M**eghan **S**higo Nikki Karell Orange Lutheran Lancer **B**aseball Ralph & Winnie Harp **R**hona **G**ewelber Transformation Health & Wellness Veteran Air Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 756

Vision City Church

Wilson Automotive







Orange Lutheran High School Lancer Baseball









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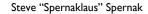
















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Get Involved

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 here or you can donate through our square account by clicking Donate

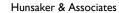
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Thank you again to the staff and customers of **ALBERTSONS** and their affiliated companies for their donation of 92 gift cards through their **Gift Card Bank & Albertsons Nourishing Neighbors 2022** program. The majority of the cards were received at Thanksgiving and were a welcome blessing to our families at that time to help offset the cost of their Thanksgiving meal. Thank you to **CHRIS ORANGE**, store manager at the **Albertsons** located at 810 State College (@South Street) in Anaheim for her assistance in obtaining the grant. Gift Cards were also given to Marines who needed just a little extra help during the Christmas holidays in these difficult times.

















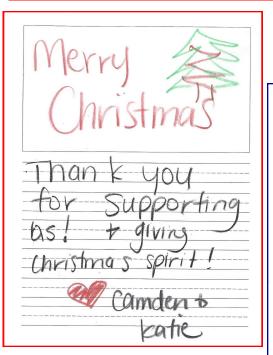


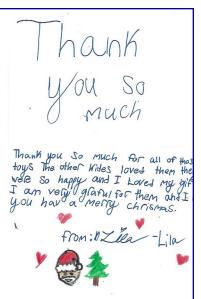
Good Morning Sir,

Please thank Patriots 4 Pendleton on my behalf for the grocery gift card. It could not have not come at a much more needed time.

V/R, **Jasmine**

15th Marine Expeditionary Unit





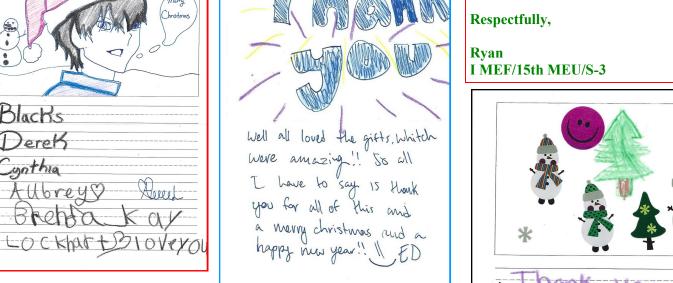






Good Afternoon Paul,

Just wanted to say thank you to Patriots 4 Pendleton and Albertson's for the gift card. I really appreciate it!!:)



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Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen of Patriots 4 Pendleton,

I hope this email finds you all well. I just wanted to send you all my thanks and gratitude for all of the support you all are continuously bringing to the Marines of the 15th MEU. I can't wait to use my new gift card!

Thank you all so much.

Respectfully Sent,

Hannah **15TH Marine Expeditionary Unit**