

## Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter July 2025

On June 13th, the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit held a Change of Command Ceremony at Camp Pendleton. Colonel Stuart W. Glenn officially passed the torch to Colonel Richard Alvarez in a time-honored Marine Corps tradition that symbolizes the transfer of authority, responsibility and trust from one leader to the next. Fair winds and following seas to Colonel Glenn, and Semper Fidelis to Colonel Alvarez as he takes command of the Marines and Sailors of the Fighting 13th! We wish each the best of luck in their new roles.

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On July 3 another relief and appointment ceremony was held at Camp Pendleton, this time for the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. This ceremony was held to witness Sergeant Major John Schlaud relinquish his responsibility as the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's senior enlisted advisor to Sergeant Major Trevor Goff. We wish Sergeant Major Schlaud all the best in his next assignment and we welcome incoming Sergeant Goff as the new sergeant major of Americas Vanguard Force. We also look forward to working alongside Sergeant Major Goff in our support of the Marines, Sailors and families of the 15th MEU.









### **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

School Supply Drive Baby Basket Drive

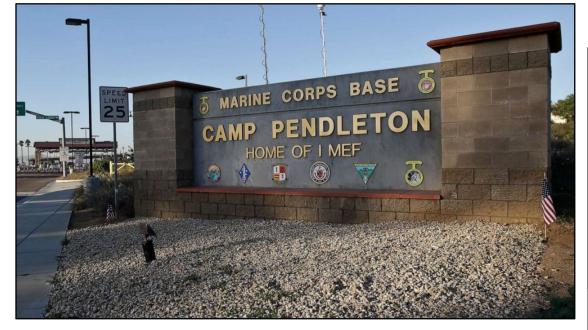
### **P4P's Founding Patriots**

Jerry Zomorodian -All American Petroleum <mark>Brian Chuchua</mark> 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 Hunsaker & Associates Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim **Knights of Columbus** Council 9195 Kris Weber Lucille Bolduc O'Neil Security Group Orange Lutheran Lancer Baseball **Patriot Consulting** Technology Group San Antonio Catholic **Church Ministries** Pastor Victor & Theresa Chayasirisobhon Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 756 Villa Park Women's League Vision Calvary Chapel

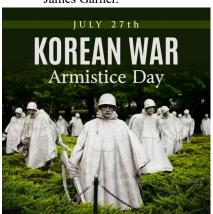
Wilson Automotive



Patriots 4 Pendleton started a new program a few years ago and it quickly became a favorite – of ours, of our families and of so many donors. That program is the *BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY*. As there are seven units we'd like to donate school supplies to, this program is starting now and will last through September. With all the summer vacations, starting early and running three months will give everyone who wants to participate plenty of time to do so. We have one unit who will be having their family summer event in July and would like to give their supplies out at that event. We will be collecting school supplies (items such as pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, crayons, markers, rulers, post-it-notes, etc) for kids from K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade and invite all of our Patriots to participate. You can either donate supplies needed, including backpacks, and we'll put them together or you can donate backpacks that include the supplies needed for a successful school year. Please see the attached flier.

### **Korean War Veterans Armistice Day**

A shared holiday between the U.S. and South Korea, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day has been celebrated every year for the past 72 years on July 27 since 1953. Its purpose is to honor veterans of the Korean War, which gave South Korea (then known as the Republic of Korea) independence from North Korea, which was called the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at that time. Famous veterans of the Korean war include Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Michael Caine, Ed McMahon, John Glenn, Ted Williams, Casey Kasem and James Garner.





If you're in need of employees, there are no better candidates than a Veteran!

Thank you, Jackie

Brodsky, for so many cute

handmade baby blankets!

We can hardly wait to gift

these to new parents and

their babies.

### **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 13th MEU, please write to:

"Any Marine" c/o Chaplain Travis Armes 13th MEU P.O. Box 555363 Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5363

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.









The hot days of summer are upon us and the kids are out of school enjoying the lazy, crazy days. The beginning of summer also marks the beginning of the **Back to School Supply Drive** being held by **Patriots 4 Pendleton.** We are collecting for all grades: K-12th

It may seem early but by starting now there is ample time for everyone to participate when the time is best for them and allows for more donations which means **BY WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN HELP MORE OF OUR MILITARY KIDDOS!!!!** We're dedicated to assisting as many units as possible and what better way to show your support than to lend a helping hand and let our kiddos know that they are appreciated and not forgotten for the sacrifices that they make. Military kids sacrifice so much too. Giving our children the tools that they need to succeed is so important and goes a long way in helping meet their emotional and educational needs. We love this program as it is **all about the children**.

Don't like to shop but still want to help? No problem, we can accept monetary donations and will do the shopping for you. Walmart is the closest store to the base and if you prefer to donate a Walmart gift card, the families can go shopping for what they need as well.

This is a great and fun project for families, friends, co-workers, churches, schools, civic groups and any other group of people who want to join together and share with those who are our future. Individually we can do a little, together we can do bigger and better things which is priceless to those who we are sharing the love with.

For more information, please email us at patriots4pendleton@gmail.com or call Carolyn at 714-637-5575 or Debbie at 714-624-5416.







"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

~ Hebrews 13:16