

Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter July 2024



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence.





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

Back to School Supply Drive Holiday Events

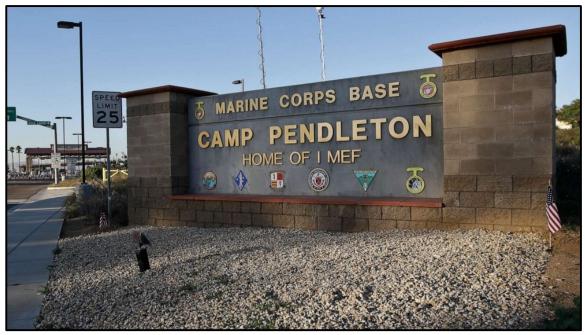
P4P's Founding Patriots

Jerry Zomorodian All American Petroleum
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P4P's Patriot Partners

Ampac Business Capital Anaheim Hills Rotary Club Conservative Patriots of Orange County (CPOC) Earl Kelso **H**unsaker & **A**ssociates 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 **B**aseball Ralph & Winnie Harp Rhona Gewelber St. Mary Magdalene Church, Orange Veteran Air Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 756 Vision Calvary Chapel

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P4P is once again collecting school supplies for several units and need your help to help as many of our military kiddos as possible! Don't have time to shop but still want to help? Not a problem - with your monetary donation we are happy to do the shopping for you. As Wal-Mart is the closest store to the base, we can also accept Wal-Mart gift cards which will be given to the kiddos and they can pick out their own Supplies.

Last year we had donations of school supplies, empty backpacks and backpacks full of school supplies. ALL donations are welcome and will make a big difference when the kids go back to school. This is another great group project for your family, school, church, co-workers or any other group you may be part of.

For more information please call 714-637-5575 or email us at patriots4pendleton@gmail.com



July 25 is NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN

DAY. Service members leaving the military have skills, experiences, and qualifications that make them stand out in today's labor market.

National Hire a Veteran Day is recognized annually on July 25th. The goal is to raise awareness about civilian opportunities for transitioning service members and veterans, and to be a nation-wide call to action for employers to hire veterans.



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

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 taxdeductible as allowed by law.





Five baby baskets were picked up and delivered to new parents on base in June and we are putting together eight more to be delivered in a few weeks. Many of our new parents are far from home and don't have family or friends to throw them baby showers so we try to fill in where we can. Baskets include outfits, booties, shoes, diapers, pajamas, wipes, toiletries, socks, toys, a Baby 411 book (Thank you to the *Kiwanis of Greater Anaheim* for the donation of these great books), bibs, a gift card (Thank you to members of *Vision Calvary Chapel* for their generous donations of the gift cards) and other goodies that new parents will need. These baskets are for two new units that we've just picked up and we are so excited to see what we are going to be able to do for these families. We can't do anything without the generosity of so many and we are truly grateful for all of you!!! If you'd like to donate baby items or gift cards for the upcoming baskets that we are sure to need, please see page 2 for ways you can do so. All donations are welcome and appreciated more than you'll ever know.

From one of the families who recently received a baby basket – for security purposes, we do not use names of the Marines and due to the nature of these new units, we will not be publishing their pictures but you can see that the kindness of so many really does mean the world to them and the difference made is priceless.

Dear Patriots 4 Pendleton,

We are writing to express our deepest gratitude for your generous baby basket full of fabulous and useful treats for our little one. The gift card was such a thoughtful and welcome surprise. It will definitely help us to keep our little cherub in seat covers!

Your support for new families is truly appreciated. Knowing that organizations like yours are there to lend a helping hand during this special time means a lot to us.

We are so grateful for your generosity and look forward to raising this little boy in a community filled with such kindness.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,





Perhaps the most iconic feature of the memorial are the 19 stainless steel statues representing the service members who fought in the war.

The statues are about 7 feet tall among patches of juniper bushes that symbolize the rice paddies of Korea.

On June 25, 1950, North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel and attacked South Korea. Three days later, North Korean forces captured South Korea's capital, Seoul. The following week on July 1, the first U.S. ground troops, arrived in Korea to support South Korea. The decision to aid South Korea was made by President Harry S. Truman. In his "Memoirs," published in 1956, Truman states: "If South Korea fell, the communists would attack other nations, resulting in World War III." The communists he referred to, were the former World War II U.S. allies China and the Soviet Union, which now supported North Korea.

By early August 1950, the North Korean army had overrun most of South Korea except for a small pocket in the far southeast known as the Pusan Perimeter. During the months of August and September, U.S. Soldiers and Marines, along with United Nations forces, landed in Korea to bolster South Korea's defense.

U.N. forces besides the U.S., were the United Kingdom, Canada, Turkey, Australia, Philippines, New Zealand, Thailand, Ethiopia, Greece, France, Colombia, Belgium, South Africa, Netherlands and Luxembourg. U.S. forces landed on the western port city of Inchon Sept. 15, and two weeks later, U.N. forces captured Seoul. The following month saw U.N. forces crossing the 38th parallel into North Korea, capturing Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea, and advancing to the Yalu River, the northern boundary of North Korea and China.

In late October 1950, Chinese forces crossed into North Korea to aid their ally. By January 1951, Chinese and North Korean forces recaptured Seoul. By March 1951, U.N. troops recaptured Seoul. On April 11, 1951, Truman relieved MacArthur, who had led the U.N. Command. MacArthur had wanted to expand the war into China, which was against the directives of the president, who didn't want a wider conflict, which would likely involve the Soviet Union.

"We were in Korea in the name and on behalf of the United Nations. This 'unified command' which I had entrusted to [U.S. Army Gen.] Douglas MacArthur, was a United Nations Command, and neither he nor I would have been justified if we had gone beyond the mission that the United Nations General Assembly had given us," Truman states in "Memoirs," an account of his presidency. By the latter part of 1951,1952 and 1953, heavy fighting continued, with the front line stabilizing in a stalemate in the vicinity of the 38th parallel.

Dwight D. Eisenhower became president Jan. 20, 1953, and on July 27, 1953, the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed, ending the fighting. Prisoners were exchanged and South Korea gained a bit of territory northeast of the 38th parallel.

About 37,000 Americans lost their lives during the Korean War and over 92,000 were wounded and 8,000 were missing. South Korea sustained 1.3 million casualties, including 415,000 dead. Casualties among other U.N. forces totaled 16,500, including 3,100 dead. No peace treaty was ever signed between North and South Korea and in the decades since the Korean War, North Korean forces have conducted numerous cross-border incursions and other acts of aggression.