



Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter May 2023



CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Back to School Supply
Drive

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 Calvary Chapel
Wilson Automotive*

May is **National Military Appreciation Month**. The month-long observance is dedicated to active duty service members along with military retirees and veterans. While we should be showing our support and appreciation year-round, it's important that we acknowledge this special event and demonstrate appreciation and support towards members of the military.

Military Appreciation Month was established in the late-20th century by the late-Senator John McCain to acknowledge the tremendous service and sacrifices of our troops and their families. The U.S. Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 and the first observance occurred in May, 2020. It's crucial to recognize troops – past and present – for their duty to the country.

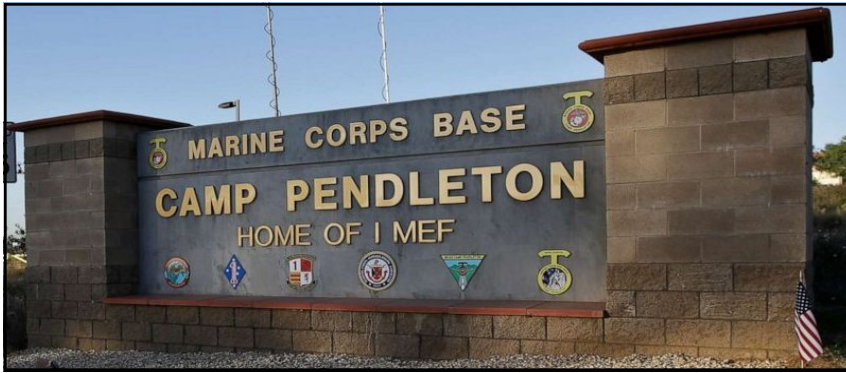
If you'd like an easy way to show your appreciation during this special month, please consider making a donation to **Patriots 4 Pendleton** - all donations are used to support Camp Pendleton Marines, Sailors and families. Please refer to page 2 for ways you can easily donate. Every donation is appreciated and are tax deductible as we are a non-profit corp.



WELCOME HOME AND THANK YOU VIETNAM VETERANS !!! That was the message on April 20 at a Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Dinner held at the Anaheim VFW Post 3173. The dinner was hosted by Brittanie Ngo, David Keil and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1024. A great event that was enjoyed by many of brave and amazing Vietnam Veterans, many who never received a Welcome Home when they came home.

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.



Service members know that their spouses are the ones who keep the home fires burning. Military spouses know that those around them also walking through military life are more than just friends and neighbors: They are family.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a day set aside for us to pause to recognize the military spouses around us who have the greatest impact on our lives and our military communities.

The Friday in May before Mother's Day, this special day was first recognized by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. The sitting president typically issues a proclamation in recognition of the holiday, while celebrations are held on and near U.S. military bases around the world.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM US TO YOU !!!!



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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
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*"These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor – and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror."
~ Michael N. Castle*



*"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"
~ John 15:13*

Memorial Day, originally called **Decoration Day**, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo N.Y. the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War (which ended in 1865) and a desire to honor our dead. On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order Number II.

Part of the history of **Memorial Day** meaning will show that in the Order, the General proclaimed, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." Because the day wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle, the General called it the date of **Decoration Day**.

New York was the first state to officially recognize the holiday in 1873. It was recognized by all northern states by 1890. Differently, the South refused to acknowledge the day and honored their dead on separate days. This went on until after World War I when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

With the Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971, it is now observed on the last Monday in May by almost every state

After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy.

The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front lines.

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion.

Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion brought National Poppy Day® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

On May 26, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

In Flanders' Fields

*In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.*

Major John McCrae, 1915





On April 6, 2023, the **15th MEU** held a Relief and Appointment Ceremony where **Sergeant Major Oranjel Leavy** relinquished his post to **Sergeant Major John Schlaud**.

Sgt. Maj. Leavy had served as the 15th MEU Sgt. Mjr. since June 2021. It was a pleasure working alongside **Sgt. Maj. Leavy** in our support of the 15th MEU. Fair winds, and Following Seas sir and best of luck in your new assignment.

Welcome Aboard to **Sgt. Maj. Schlaud** who most recently served as the sergeant major for the Red Lions of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 363 at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Congratulations on your appointment with America's Vanguard Force. All of us at **P4P** look forward to working hand-in-hand with you in support of our Marines and Sailors; we are excited to see what we can do together to make a difference for our **15th MEU** families.

