

# Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter May 2025

What an amazing Easter our families had. Because of the generosity of so many we were able to provide support to several units by providing food, Easter baskets, gift cards for the teenagers and single Marines and opportunity drawing prizes. Thank you to all who donated and made sure that our families were not forgotten. Donations were received by so many individuals and by some of our corporate sponsors. Thank you to the *CONSERVATIVE PATRIOTS OF ORANGE COUNTY (CPOC)* for their donations of both baskets and gift cards, to Pastor Victor and Theresa Chayasirisobhon of the *FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANAHEIM* for all the baskets and to members of the *VISION CALVARY CHAPEL*. With the different units doing training and some getting ready to go on leave, the events were all very different this year but everyone had a good time and appreciated everything so much. The blessings just keep on coming as the Lord continues to provide.





While April is the month of the Military Child, May is the month when we celebrate military families. Since its designation by Congress in 1999, National Military Appreciation Month is the nation's opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of service members and their families and plays a crucial role in fostering awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by the military community. It provides a platform for education and dialogue about the experiences of service members, veterans, and their families.

Each year, the president makes a proclamation reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. May was chosen because it has many individual days marked to note our military's achievements, including Loyalty Day, established in 1921, Victory in Europe (VE) Day commemorating the end of WWII in Europe in 1945, Patriots Day, Memorial Day and Children of Fallen Patriots Day





#### **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

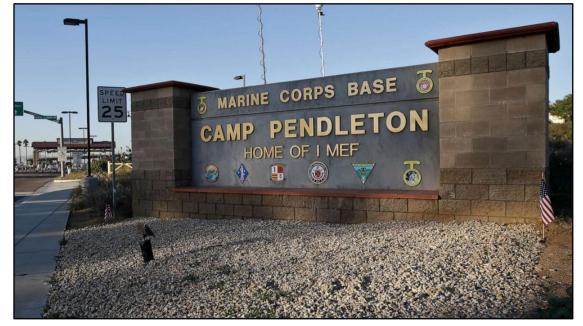
School Supply Drive Baby Basket Drive

#### **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** Victor & Theresa Chayasirisobhon Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 756 Villa Park Women's League Vision Calvary Chapel Wilson Automotive



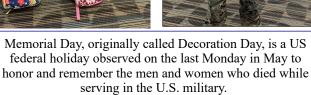
Patriots 4 Pendleton started a new program a few years ago and it quickly became a favorite – of ours, of our families and of so many donors. That program is the *BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY*. As there are seven units we'd like to donate school supplies to, this program is starting now and will last 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 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.



"That Nation which respects and honors its dead, shall ever be respected and honored itself."

- Brevet Lieut.-Col. Edmund B. Whitman, 1868





The Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans, officially declared Memorial Day in 1868, designating May 30th as a day to decorate graves. In 1968, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act moved the holiday to the last Monday of May.



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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 <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.

















































Thank you to the **Villa Park Women's League** for inviting **Patriots 4 Pendleton** to be one of the guest speakers at their April 17 meeting. It was such a pleasure to meet so many of these lovely ladies who do so many wonderful things for the community.

They choose several organizations to support throughout the year and P4P was one of the organizations they chose to support by blessing several of our families within the 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, 1st Intelligence Battalion and the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. They went above and beyond and assembled baby baskets to give to expectant parents. Their league members generously donated enough supplies to fill thirteen very full baskets with baby essentials and lots of fun baby toys and cute clothes. Thank you to those league members who donated diapers, clothing, wipes, toys, laundry baskets, gift cards and so much more to these military families who greatly appreciate these gifts. Thank you for your partnership and for your hospitality as we came to share who Patriots 4 Pendleton is and what we do.

























Three of the happy daddiesto-be after receiving their beautiful baskets. You can see how happy they are and the difference you make!









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