

PATRIOTS 4 PENDLETON

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Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter May 2024

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day
Family Summer Event
Fourth of July

P4P's Founding Patriots

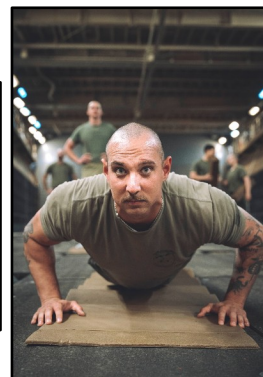
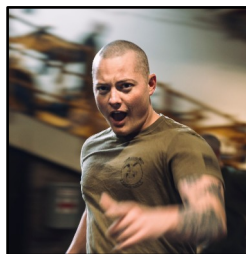
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All American Petroleum
Brian Chuchua
Christopher & Cecilia
Hopper*

P4P's Patriot Partners

*Ampac Business Capital
Anaheim Hills Rotary Club
Conservative Patriots of
Orange County (CPOC)
Earl Kelso
Hunsaker & Associates
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
Baseball
Ralph & Winnie Harp
Rhona Gewelber
St. Mary Magdalene
Church, Orange
Veteran Air
Vietnam Veterans of
America, Chapter 756
Vision Calvary Chapel
Wilson Automotive*

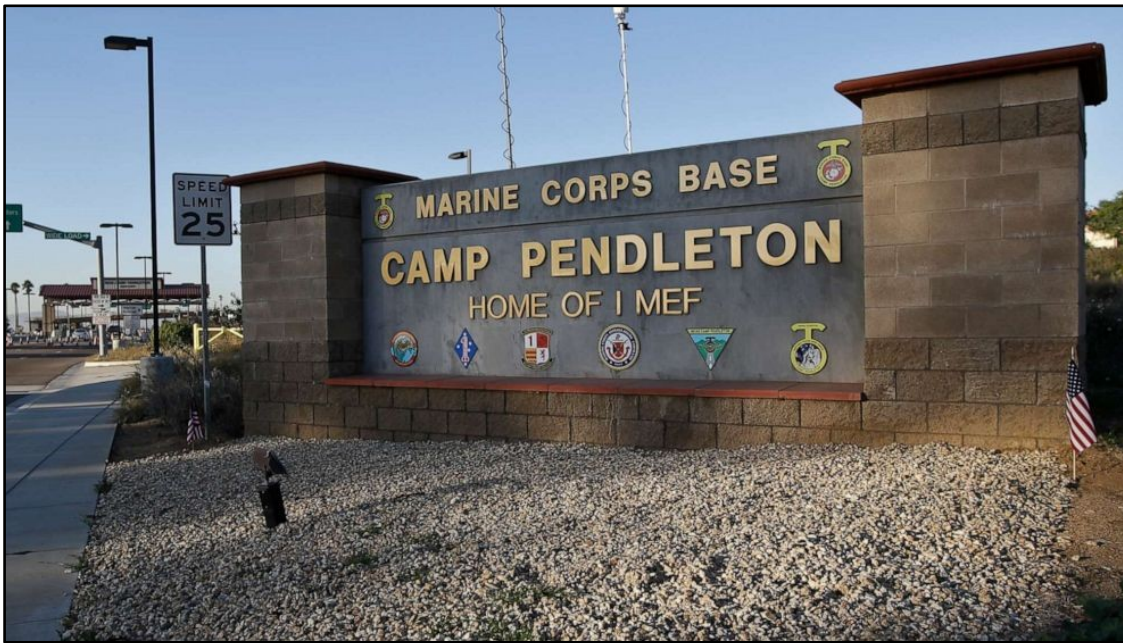


Exercising doesn't stop when the Marines and Sailors are deployed – staying physically fit is so important to all they are and all they do. The 15th MEU Sergeant Major and force fitness instructors assigned to the 15th MEU, lead non-commissioned officers in a physical fitness session aboard the USS Boxer LHD4 while underway in the Pacific Ocean. The PT training was held for NCOs from all elements of the MEU and was meant to build camaraderie and esprit de corps among the NCOs, also known as the backbone of the Marine Corps.



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.



The 15th MEU deployed this year at three different times on three different ships; the last of those going was the USS Boxer which had been out of commission for almost 2 years. Unfortunately, 10 days after leaving, the ship had to return to San Diego as it developed mechanical issues.

The Marines and Sailors who were left aboard to do maintenance on the ship just returned to Camp Pendleton but not able to bring their personal items with them. Patriots 4 Pendleton was happy that we had gift cards that we were immediately able to bless them with so that they could buy a few needed items before getting their belongings back. We were sent pictures of just a few of the Marines that received a card and you can see that they are pretty happy.

The blessings just keep coming and we are so grateful to our donors who are so generous that we have always been able to not just reach our goals but to exceed them. Many times we have been able to bless more units than we anticipated and often times have had extra donations which allow us to immediately take care of emergencies that may have arisen.



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](#)

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All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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 corporation.



More happy Marines displaying their Albertsons gift cards. The cards donated during the holidays made such a difference in putting extra goodies on the table. The last of the pictures of Marines who received cards are above – we're not sure if the Marines or their wives were happier!!

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.



"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

We recently welcomed a new member to the 15th MEU and were so happy to present the new parents with a baby basket. Thank you again to Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim for the Baby 411 books!

