

## **PATRIOTS 4 PENDLETON**

**PROUD  
AMERICAN  
PATRIOTS**

# **Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter November 2023**

Due to the pre-deployment training schedule, the 15th MEU celebrated the USMC Birthday early by holding their Birthday Ball on October 13. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed some down time from the crazy days of training. Happy 248th Birthday Marines !!!



Several units came together to enjoy Trunk or Treat. **P4P** provided 39 pizzas for the event. Family events are so important, and we're happy to have been able to feed them all.



### **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**

**Thanksgiving Gift Card  
Drive  
Christmas Toy and Gift Card  
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  
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*





## 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](mailto: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 Jerilee 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](#)

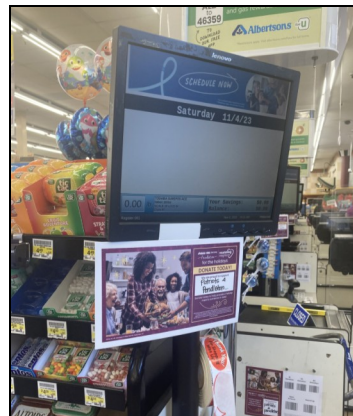
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All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

**Thank You**  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**Albertsons**  
**VONS PAVILIONS**

**nourishing**  
**neighbors**



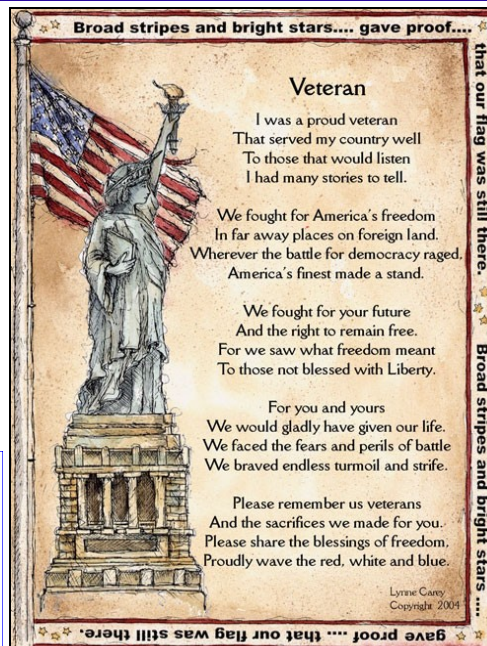
The **NOURISHING NEIGHBORS** program is continuing through the month of November. Local Albertsons, Vons and Pavillions stores will be raising funds to help provide meals to families in need. The funds raised are donated to approved participants in the form of grocery store gift cards. **Gift Card Bank** is a nonprofit organization specializing in the distribution of gift cards and their mission is to improve well-being and build financial stability by supporting people through their time of need. These gift cards will be given to families, who will be chosen by unit leadership, in several different units who are in need of a hand up during the holidays and will go far in helping to offset the cost of their holiday meals. What a blessing for our Marines and their families. You can also make a donation direct to us by mailing a check or through the links on our website. **The Albertsons that will be participating in raising funds for our Marine families is located at 810 S. State College Blvd (at South Street) in Anaheim.**

Happy Veterans Day to all who have served. The debt we owe you can never be repaid and the gratitude, love and respect we have for all of our Veterans is something that cannot be measured. You are the best of and what is right with America.



Happy Thanksgiving from our families to yours. May your day be full of family, friends and love.

The blessings keep coming and we extend a huge **Thank You** to **Earl Kelso, Frank Barry and Angela DeCarlo** for their recent very generous donations. We appreciate your support more than you'll ever know !! We cannot do what we do without our Patriot Partners!!

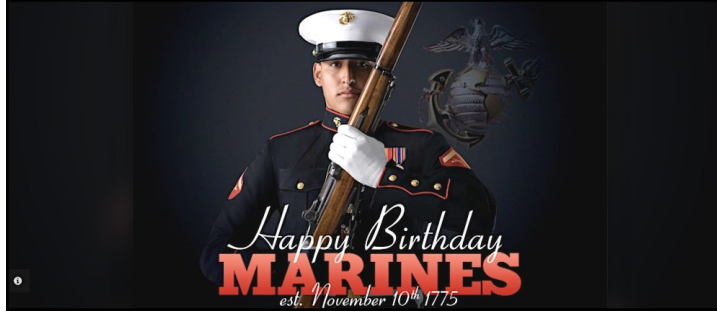


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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

For 248 years, Marines have earned a reputation as the most disciplined and lethal war fighters in the world. This legacy of honor, courage, and commitment passed on to us was paid for in sweat, blood, and sacrifice. From Belleau Wood to Inchon and Tarawa to Sangin, Marines have stepped forward to defend our Constitution when others either could not or would not. Our history is filled with heroes like Chief Warrant Officer 4 Hershel "Woody" Williams, Private First Class Hector Cafferata Jr., Sergeant Major Dan Daly, and thousands of others who performed acts of bravery which went unseen in the heat of battle. We stand on the shoulders of these Marines, and we owe it to them to earn our title "Marine" each and every day.

Marines have given, and have been willing to give, their lives for Country and Corps in every fight our Nation has entered. Our actions turned back the tide of tyranny in Europe during the Great War, defeated fascism in Asia during World War II, fought for democracy in Korea and Vietnam, and offered the hope of self-determination in the Middle East. We go to war whenever our Nation calls, and in the interwar periods we train, we prepare, and we innovate. We have chosen a life of service and sacrifice — an honorable life that has meaning. We sacrifice so our fellow citizens don't have to, and we seek nothing in return but a chance to be first to fight. Most will never understand why we choose to attack when others do not, why we revel in being covered in mud, why we snap to attention when "The Marines' Hymn" is played, or why we say, "Ooh Rah." We understand it, and this message is for us, for the Marines.

As Marines, we live on a war footing because someone must. This means that we ruthlessly adhere to our standards of excellence - Marine standards - as we know this will best prepare us for the wars of the future. Our high standards are a prerequisite of professional war fighting, and how we keep our honor clean in the cauldron of combat. They prepare us for the most difficult mission there is: fighting from and returning to the sea. Most importantly they shape our unique Marine culture which is respected at home and across the globe.

Sergeant Major Ruiz and I are proud of all that you have done this past year to protect and enhance our reputation as America's best warriors. We hope you know that we will be with you every step of the way as we prepare for the fights ahead. We ask that every Marine - active, reserve, and veteran - honor the legacy of those who went before us by continuing to uphold our high standards.

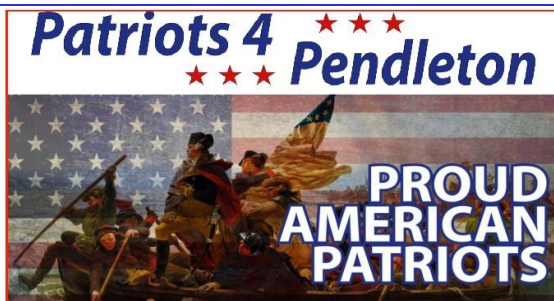
Protect your fellow Marines and our shared legacy. Happy Birthday Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric M. Smith".

General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps





## **\*\* SUPPORT OUR TROOPS THIS CHRISTMAS \*\***

The most sacred time of the year is upon us and **Patriots 4 Pendleton** is collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys and \$25 gift cards. Toys will be gifted to infants up to age 12 while teenagers and those single Marines who aren't able to go home for Christmas will be blessed with the gift cards.

We are inviting the community to partner with us in our support of the brave men, women and families stationed at **Camp Pendleton**. So many units do not have outside community support and in order to help with those units, as well as supporting the 15th MEU, **P4P** has set a goal of sharing the love the season is all about with **two large** units this year; one that recently returned from deployment and one who will be deploying in early 2024. We hope to surpass this goal and if we do, other units will be blessed as well. While this is a large goal, we are stepping out in faith and know that our patriots out there are up to helping us achieve this goal - it's all of **YOU** who make this happen !!!

This is a great opportunity for you to invite your family, friends, church congregation, Sunday School class, civic clubs and co-workers to come together and show appreciation for those who stand ready to defend our country. Many of these young families are far away from home for the first time with no family or friends to spend the holidays with and that is where we come in. The support we all give is priceless and knowing they are not forgotten goes so much further than the toy or the gift card !!!!

## **\*\* MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING NEW TOYS OR A \$25 GIFT CARD \*\***

**\* We are also in need of raffle prizes \***

For more information, please call **714-637-5575** or email us at [patriots4pendleton@gmail.com](mailto:patriots4pendleton@gmail.com)  
Deadline date is Tuesday, December 12

