

# **Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter** September 2025













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### **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**

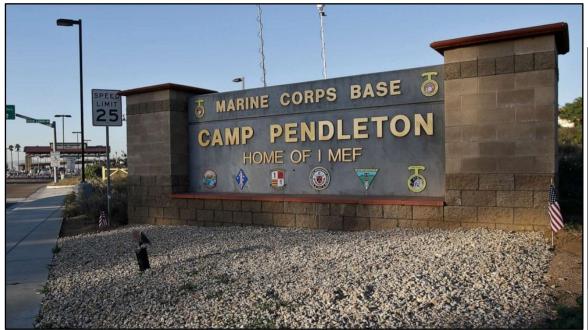
Baby Basket Drive **Holiday Events** 

### **P4P's Founding Patriots**

Jerry Zomorodian -All American Petroleum Brian Chuchua 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** Pastor Victor & Theresa Chayasirisobhon Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 756 Villa Park Women's League Vision Calvary Chapel

Wilson Automotive





Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day is on the last Sunday of September and falls on September 28 this year

https://americasgoldstarfamilies.org

The Gold Star family has experienced the loss of a loved one - an immediate family member who died as the result of active-duty military service. Those who die in service to their country leave behind parents, siblings, spouses, children, and extended families. These are recognized as Gold Star families. The title is meant to honor the service member's ultimate sacrifice while acknowledging their family's loss, grief, and continued healing,

The term Gold Star family is a modern reference that comes from the Service Flag. These flags/banners were first flown by families during World War I. The flag included a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the armed forces of the United States, during any period of war or hostilities in which the armed forces of the United States were engaged. In the event of a death, the blue star is replaced with a gold variant - the highest honor.

The Gold Star allowed members of the community to know the price that the family has paid for the cause of freedom. Hence the term "Gold Star Family." Individual military family members who lost a loved one also started to be referred to as "Gold Star Wives," "Gold Star Mothers," etc.

A few years later, in 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt built upon this growing movement to honor the mothers of deceased service members and designated the last Sunday of September as National Gold Star Mother's Day. In 2011, President Obama amended "Gold Star Mother's Day" to include families and designated it as "Gold Star Mother's and Family Day.

The strength of our nation is our Military Servicemen and women, and their strength is their families. The Nation recognizes that no one has given more for the nation than the families of the fallen. That is why we do what we do.



## **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 13th MEU, please write to:

"Any Marine" c/o Chaplain Travis Armes 13th MEU P.O. Box 555363 Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5363

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 all who donated to the School Supply Drive, which was a great success. As promised last month, please find more pictures of a sampling of the supplies and stuffed back packs. In addition to the stuffed back packs, boxes of supplies and empty back packs were taken down to the base so the kids could pick and assemble their own. Additional thank you's to Cecile Wight for her generous donation of supplies and also to The Villa Park Women's League who supported the kids in a big way.

Baby baskets have been keeping us busy this year and there are many more on the list with new babies being added weekly. We've blessed upwards of 100 families with baskets and that number is rising every week. We've even had a few sets of twins! **BIG THANK YOU** to **Shirlene** Upward for the beautiful blankets, to Dash Cotter for the cute blankets and matching outfits and to Pam Pomeroy for the donation of a basket full of goodies. Members of the Anaheim Hills Rotary Club, who have been long-time supporters, enjoyed putting together 20 baskets full of goodies at their September meeting. We have been so blessed with the outpouring of support from so many wonderful patriot partners. The difference everyone makes, especially in these extremely trying times is priceless and we can't thank everyone enough.

Some of our DRC's helped out in a huge way by making trips up to Anaheim to pick up not just school supplies, but baby baskets as well. It's a we are so grateful to all.

