

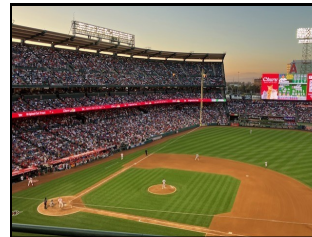
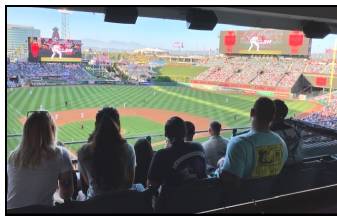


Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter August 2023

THANK YOU to the four **Anaheim City Council members** who collectively and so graciously donated 14 tickets to the June 21 Angels vs. Dodgers game. Being in a suite was a first for the 14 who were able to come up to Anaheim for a night of relaxation and a good time. Whether they were an Angels or a Dodgers fan we'll never know but they all thoroughly enjoyed the evening. **Thank you** to the **Temecula Rotary Club** who donated ten \$25 Angels gift cards. **P4P** was happy to donate the remaining four gift cards needed so that each Marine could buy the must have peanuts and cracker jacks while watching the Dodgers defeat the Angels. Marines from two different units were able to attend and we are so grateful for the partnership of so many great Patriots who share our passions in supporting our Marines.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Back To School Supply Drive
USMC Birthday
Holiday Events



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*

P4P is once again collecting school supplies for several units and need your help to help as many of our military kiddos as possible! If you don't have time to shop but want to help, that's not a problem, with your monetary donation we are happy to do the shopping for you. As Wal-Mart is the closest store to the base, we can also accept Wal-Mart gift cards which will be given to the kiddos and they can pick out their own supplies. See the next page for links to Zelle and our Square account if you prefer to make your donation that way.

Last year we had donations of school supplies, empty backpacks and backpacks full of school supplies. ALL donations are welcome and will make a big difference when the kids go back to school. This is another great group project for your family, school, church, co-workers or any other group you may be part of. Please refer to the attached flyer or for more information please call 714-637-5575 or email us at patriots4pendleton@gmail.com

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.



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**

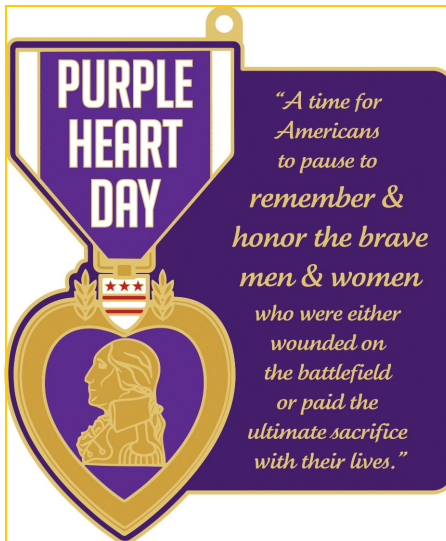
Donations can be **mailed** to Patriots 4 Pendleton
154 Jerrilee Lane,
Anaheim, CA 92807

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



Purple Heart Day is observed on August 7 each year and is a time for Americans to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. The holiday was first observed in 2014 and is considered an unofficial observance meaning that businesses, government offices, etc. do not close on this day.

The Purple Heart began as something called the Badge of Military Merit, an honor created by General George Washington in 1782. The honor was only presented to enlisted soldiers who had performed a "singularly meritorious action." Only a handful of these were awarded, and following the American Revolution, the Badge of Military Merit didn't become a permanent fixture among the various other awards and decorations given to those who served.

But the spirit of the Badge of Military Merit would be honored again in 1932 when the Purple Heart award was created to honor the bicentennial of George Washington's birthday. WWI saw the first Purple Hearts awarded to soldiers, presented on the site of the final encampment of the Continental Army in Windsor, New York.

The Purple Heart took many years to evolve into what it is known today. When General Douglas MacArthur signed General Order #3 establishing the modern Purple Heart, it was not authorized to be awarded to anyone except those serving in the Army or the Army Air Corps. A presidential order signed in 1942 opened the Purple Heart to all branches of the military.

WWII saw the Purple Heart change from an award for meritorious service to one honoring those wounded or killed in combat. Criteria for receiving a Purple Heart has also changed over the years; military members may be eligible for this honor if they are wounded or killed as a result of an act of terrorism or in qualifying circumstances where friendly fire was involved.

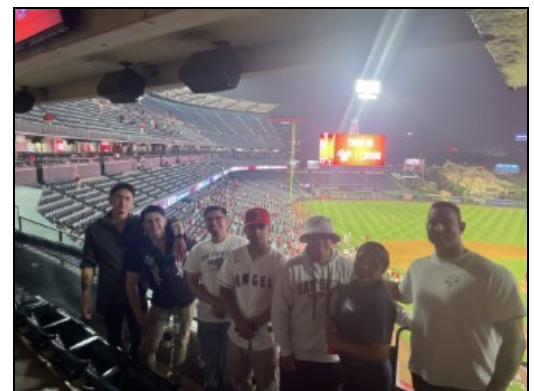
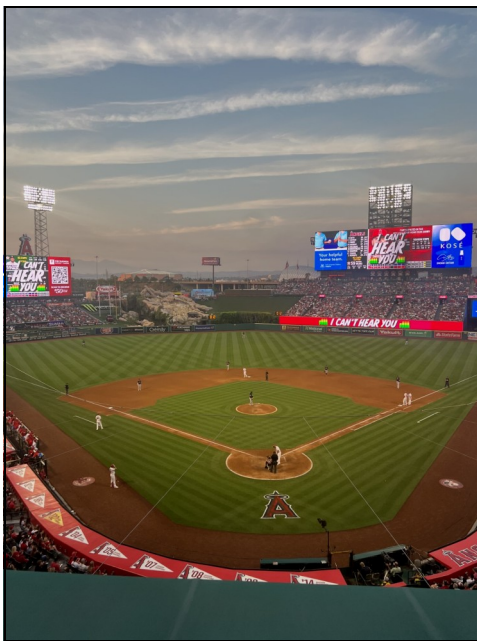
From veteran.com/purple-heart-day

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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.

Two Members of the Anaheim City Council came together again and on July 15 donated tickets to their suite for 8 lucky Marines. The 15th MEU Marines enjoyed a very exciting game watching the Angels defeat the Astros 13 to 12 in the tenth inning. **P4P** donated eight \$25 Angel gift cards so that the Marines could enjoy their choice of ballpark food while enjoying a very hot night in Anaheim. We heard from one of the Marines that he had never attended a major league game so the night was especially exciting for him; not just his first game, but being in the suite was the cherry on top. Thank you again to the City Council members for their support of our Marines. Thank you also to those who work for the City and to the aides to the City Council members who donated tickets - they were all very helpful in making both games happen.



A heartfelt "Thank You" from the Marine in charge of this event:

"I just wanted to reach out and extend my thanks for allowing the Marines the opportunity to attend Saturday's game. For one of the Marines, it was his first game that he has attended, and it was quite a game he was able to witness.

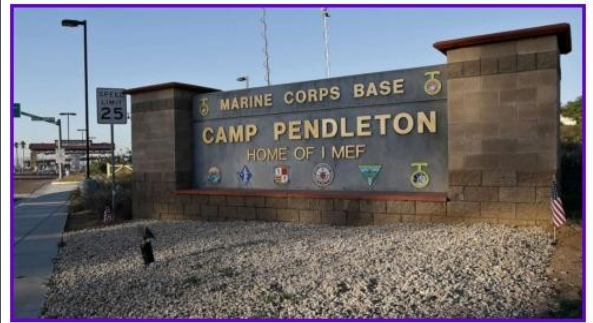
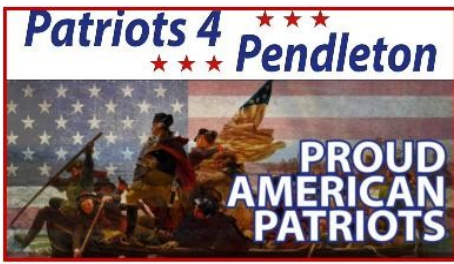
All the Marines are very appreciative towards the City of Anaheim and Patriots 4 Pendleton for this experience. We love the support and it is a great thing that's being done. Hopefully there are more experiences like this to come for more and new Marines!

Very Respectfully,

Corporal, USMC - 15th MEU, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055"

** For security purposes we will not include the Marine's name **





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

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