

## PATRIOTS 4 PENDLETON

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# Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter April 2024



## CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Deployment Halfway Family  
Event  
13th MEU Ladders  
Independence Day

### P4P's Founding Patriots

*Jerry Zomorodian -  
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*

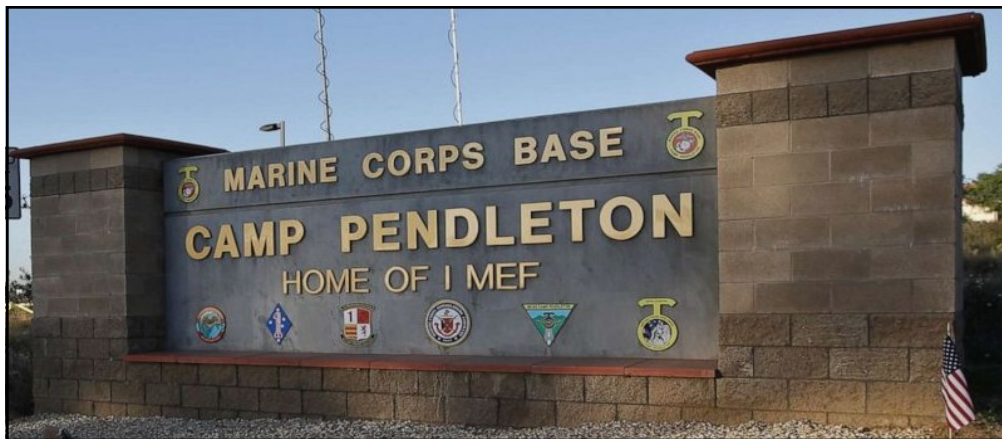
Easter was another amazing event although it was a very different event this year. Because the 15<sup>th</sup> MEU was in process of deploying, and some had already deployed, there was no party. We didn't let that stop us in our support of the kids and teens. Easter baskets and gift cards were taken down to Camp Pendleton and the spouses brought their kids to pick out their baskets and picked up gift cards for their teens. The 15<sup>th</sup> MEU will enjoy a Spring Fling later this month since there was no Easter party and we will be supporting the event as well and the donated raffle baskets will be raffled off at this event.

We also supported 2 additional units - the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU and the I Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group (MIG). As the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU is gearing up for pre-deployment training, they had a very low-key party but the families that were able to attend enjoyed food, games, picking out Easter baskets and a chance to win a raffle basket. We were unable to attend the MIG's event but baskets were given to them for their kiddos. Thank you to all those who generously donated baskets and gift cards, the blessings just keep coming and we are so grateful.

A special thank you for **Wilson Automotive Group** and **Lion's Heart** who work together to provide Easter baskets to so many groups in the community, including our Camp Pendleton families. We were also blessed with baskets and gift cards from **Conservative Patriots of Orange County (CPOC)** and with gift cards from the **Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim**. Thank you to **Cecile Wight** from **Vision Calvary Chapel** and **Britte Jackson** for donating the beautiful raffle baskets.

### 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.

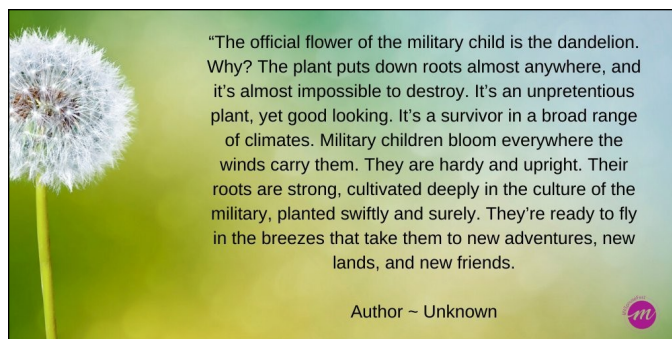


Every **April**, all month long, we celebrate the courage, perseverance and tenacity demonstrated by our military-connected children, youth and teens and what they mean to our community.

This special celebration of military children was **established in 1986 by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger**. Weinberger was a WWII Veteran and father of two who realized the unique sacrifices and challenges military children faced as a result of their parent or parents' military service.

There are more than 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents' service. While military members serve around the world, we often forget the challenges faced by their children. Military families move on average every two to three years, impacting military children through changing schools and support networks.

Purple is the official color of the military child. **It's a combination of all the colors of the U.S. Armed Force: Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard blues, Army green, and Marine Corps red.** Programs and activities that are similar across all branches of service are called "purple." **Patriots 4 Pendleton** is proud to support military children year-round and are always in awe at how polite and kind these children are and they truly are brave, strong and resilient.



The **15<sup>th</sup> MEU** has deployed and we are humbly asking that you remember them and their families in your prayers. Prayers for strength, wisdom and safety for the Marines and Sailors and prayers for freedom from anxiety for their families. Deployment is the most difficult thing a military family will go through. There will be holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, births, illness, graduations, first teeth, first steps, first words and other milestones that will be missed which is hard on the entire family. Thankfully, our families do have a great support group in their families, friends and in each other and praying for them will add to that support and is the best gift that we can give them.



## Stay Connected

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## 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 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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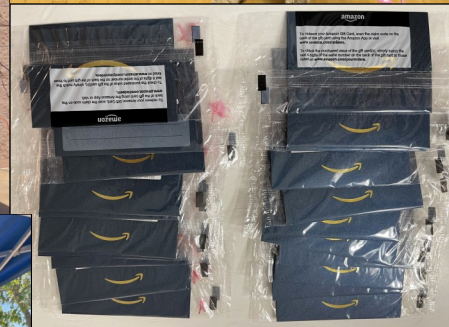
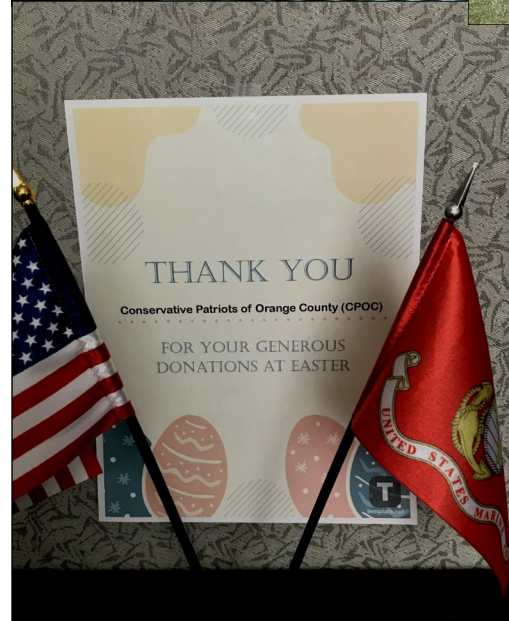
All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT













Employees of **Wilson Automotive Group** and teen volunteers of **Lion's Heart** coming together to assemble Easter baskets which they then donate to our Camp Pendleton families. What an amazing group of people. They don't just donate to our military but so many others in the community. Thank you again for your continuing partnership.

