



Patriots 4 Pendleton

Monthly Newsletter

August 2022



Thank you to the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9195 for their continuing support. They've been there since the beginning and are such a blessing to our families. Their most recent donation was presented to Patriots 4 Pendleton by **Grand Knight Blake Kidd** (left) and **Deputy Grand Knight Jim Zures** (right) on July 19. We cannot express our gratitude enough and hope that they know what a huge blessing they are to our families - making a difference in the lives of so many !!

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- USMC Birthday Ball
- Adopt A Marine
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas

MARINE CORPS 247th BIRTHDAY - NOVEMBER 10

The title of United States Marine is not something that is given; it is a title that is earned. Once that title is earned, it cannot be taken away and "Once A Marine, Always A Marine". One of the most revered events for Marines is the Marine Corps Birthday which is celebrated on November 10 by Marines around the world. No matter where they are, they celebrate the birthday of their beloved Corps, the most loyal, feared, revered, and professional fighting force the world has ever known. Marines also celebrate by attending their Birthday Ball, a formal event in which they enjoy an evening of tradition as they celebrate the history of the Corps. Like the U.S. Marine Corps itself, the annual Birthday Ball has evolved from modest origins to the dignified function it is today. In 1952, Commandant Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. formalized the cake-cutting ceremony and other traditional observances. Current Marine Corps policy mandates that the first piece of cake must be presented to the oldest U.S. Marine present and passed to the youngest Marine representing the passing of tradition from generation to generation. Among the many such mandates is the reading of the Commandant's birthday message to the Corps. On November 10 regardless of where Marines are stationed or deployed, you will always hear "Happy Birthday Marine." Attendance is **mandatory** and as a way to celebrate with them, we are inviting our friends and fellow Patriots to bless a Marine with a birthday gift by sponsoring a Marine for the Ball. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

P4P's Founding Patriots

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Donate Back to School Supplies for Families at Camp Pendleton

With the cost of everything increasing, including the cost of school supplies, P4P is hosting a **Back to School Supplies Drive**. As we are headed into the new school year, we invite you to join us in blessing the children at Camp Pendleton with the tools they need to succeed by donating new school supplies or gift cards. Your donations will help offset the unique challenges and financial difficulties of military life. We are concentrating on the lower grades: K-6th. Please call **714-637-5575** with any questions /and for donation delivery/pick-up options.



Suggested donations: Target or Wal-Mart Gift Cards, Rulers, Pens, Paper, Pencils, Glue Sticks, Back Packs, Lunch Boxes, Notepads, Crayons, Safety Scissors, Book Covers, Post-it-Notes, Colored Pencils, Erasers, Markers, Pencil Cases, Folders, 3-ring binders, and Highlighters.

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.

Purple Heart Day

Purple Heart Day, also known as National Purple Heart Day, Purple Heart Appreciation Day, and Purple Heart Recognition Day is commemorated every year on **August 7**. The Purple Heart Medal is a decoration awarded by the President of the United States to the soldiers of the U.S. military who were wounded or killed while serving their country, on or after April 5, 1917.

The Purple Heart Medal originates from the Badge for Military Merit, created by George Washington on August 7, 1782. Washington was the commander in chief of the Continental Army and wanted a decoration to award to soldiers who performed "any singularly meritorious action" while serving in the army. Only three soldiers were awarded this decoration in the Revolutionary War.

The award was largely forgotten after the Revolutionary War, until 1931 when General Douglas MacArthur lobbied for the reinstatement of the medal in order to celebrate George Washington's 200th birthday. General MacArthur was successful and on February 22, 1932, the Order of the Purple Heart was founded. The name, as well as the look of the medal, were changed, as were its requirements for the recipients of the decoration. Now, the medal is awarded to any soldier who is killed or wounded while in battle against an enemy of the United States.

The Purple Heart medal is different from other decorations in the U.S. Military as it is not awarded based on recommendation, but rather soldiers are entitled to it if they meet the necessary requirements.

The Purple Heart is the oldest military award that is presented to American servicemen and women to this day. The badge of military merit was a simple design, with a purple heart-shaped piece of silk and the word "Merit" stitched in silver. The new medal introduced in 1932 is heart-shaped and purple with a gold border. It has the likeness of George Washington on the front, and on the back, the words "For Military Merit" are engraved. The medal hangs on a ribbon of purple silk.



The History Behind National Airborne Day

~ By Teresa Verity

On August 16, 1940, 48 volunteer members of the U.S. Army Parachute Test Platoon performed the first official U.S. military parachute jump at Fort Benning, Georgia. Today, the date is celebrated as National Airborne Day, a day to honor the U.S. Airborne Forces.

After the first jump, a large force of more than 100,000 paratroopers was formed and assigned to the 11th, 13th, 17th, 82nd, and 101st Airborne Divisions, which fought in every theater during World War II, according to the Department of Defense. Parachutes were an innovative technique used by the Allied Forces, enabling them to deploy troops behind enemy lines. Parachute assaults were key to the US military's success in the battles for Sicily, Salerno, and D-Day.

During the operation into Holland in September, 1944, the airborne forces secured all of their objectives.

Building on the success of the airborne divisions in WWII, the United States military continued to develop this means of enveloping the enemy from above. This approach grew to include Ranger and Special Forces units in the Army, and airborne organizations in the Air Force, Marine Corps, and Navy. Airborne forces have made combat jumps in Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

In 2002, President George W. Bush proclaimed August 16 to be National Airborne Day stating: "Airborne combat continues to be driven by the bravery and daring spirit of sky Soldiers. Often called into action with little notice, these forces have earned an enduring reputation for dedication, excellence, and honor. As we face the challenges of a new era, I encourage all people to recognize the contributions of these courageous Soldiers to our Nation and the world."



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Get Involved

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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 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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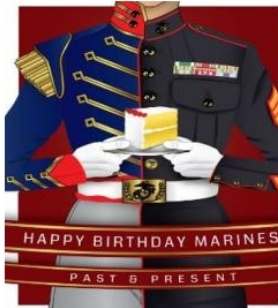
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INVITES YOU TO SPONSOR A MARINE

Join our Patriot Community in sponsoring a Camp Pendleton Marine at the Marine Corp Birthday Ball Celebration this Fall. The Marine Corps Ball is an annual celebration that commemorates the founding of the Marine Corps on November 10, 1775. This is a tradition dating back to before the Declaration of Independence and celebrates the many sacrifices made by Marines to protect that Declaration and this country - from 1775 to this present day.



Attendance at the Marine Corp Ball is **mandatory** for active Marines and includes a revered ceremony which passes the sword of history from generation to generation. We are soliciting sponsors to purchase Marine Corp Ball tickets for lower ranking Marines (E-6 status and below) so to ease their financial burden. **Ticket cost is \$75 per Marine.** We hope that you will join us in showing appreciation for the brave men and women who proudly serve our country.

How to make a donation to sponsor a Marine:

- 1) Make checks payable to Patriots 4 Pendleton and mail to:
154 Jerrilee Lane, Anaheim, CA 92807**
- 2) Visit patriots4pendleton.com and click the donate tab**



For more information contact patriots4pendleton@gmail.com or 714-637-5575

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