



# Patriots 4 Pendleton

## Monthly Newsletter

### December 2022

#### CHRISTMAS TOY AND GIFT CARD DRIVE

Ho-ho-ho, where did this year go? It is so hard to believe that Christmas is just about three weeks away. Our toy and gift card drive is in full swing and we could sure use your help. There are so many ways to help and so many ways to support our families. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the kiddos - toys will be gifted to the babies and kiddos up to age 12. \$20. gift cards will be given to the teenagers and the single Marines who are not able to go home for the holidays will be blessed with a \$25. gift card. We are going out on a limb and trying to support **five** units this Christmas. Two of those units have recently deployed and those families could really use some extra love and support. We know that this goal of **five** units is huge but we are putting our faith in the amazing community of patriots whose passions to support our military can make it all possible.

In addition to toys and gift cards, we welcome donations of fun and unique door prizes. Monetary donations will be used to purchase items that are needed as we get closer to the deadline date and to help pay for the food that will be served at the Christmas parties. We've even arranged for Santa and Mrs. Claus to attend the parties and as you can imagine, they are always the hit of the party.

The most important thing that we can do for these young families is show them that they are not forgotten. Military life is so difficult, especially during deployment, so the support we give is priceless. Donations can be made via our website on the "donations" page by clicking [here](#).

Please refer to the attached flyer for more information. Please contact us via email or phone if you have any questions or to arrange for a pick-up. **Deadline date is December 14.**

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and pray that you and your loved ones are blessed with love, peace, laughter and pure joy during this Christmas season. We are so grateful for our selfless military families and for the support that so many have shown them during 2022.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM OUR FAMILIES TO YOURS



#### 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

##### Christmas

##### 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  
Lillian Treiberg  
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 City Church  
Wilson Automotive*



"YESTERDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1941 — A DATE WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY — THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS SUDDENLY AND DELIBERATELY ATTACKED BY NAVAL AND AIR FORCES OF THE EMPIRE OF JAPAN."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

The relationship between Japan and the United States had soured in the years leading up to Pearl Harbor. This began with the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931, an expansion throughout the Chinese mainland that led to the Second Sino-Japanese war between China and Japan in 1937. Japan then joined the Berlin, or Tripartite Pact, forming an alliance with Germany and Italy in 1940.

Following the invasion of French-Indo China in 1941, the U.S. froze Japanese assets in the United States and declared an embargo on petroleum shipments. U.S. oil accounted for eighty percent of Japan's oil imports at the time. By late 1941, the United States had severed practically all commercial and financial relations with Japan.

Japanese military strategy was based on the peculiar geography of the Pacific Ocean and on the relative weakness of Allied military presence there. The western half of the Pacific is dotted with many islands, while the eastern half of the ocean is almost devoid of land masses and hence, usable bases except for Hawaii.

The British, French, American, and Dutch military forces in the entire Pacific region west of Hawaii amounted to only about 350,000 troops. Allied air power in the Pacific was weak and consisted mostly of obsolete planes. The Japanese believed they could quickly launch coordinated attacks from their existing bases on certain Pacific islands and overwhelm the Allied forces, planning to establish a strongly fortified defensive perimeter. They believed that any American and British counter offenses against this perimeter could be repelled, after which those nations would eventually seek a negotiated peace that would allow Japan to keep this newly acquired empire.

On the morning of December 7th, at 6:10 AM, the first wave of Japanese planes launched. At 6:45 AM, the USS Ward spotted and open fired on a Japanese submarine off the coast of Hawaii. At 6:53 AM, the Ward reported sinking the sub, but decoding the message took time. At 7:02 AM, a radar station on Oahu spotted unidentified aircraft heading towards the island. However, radar systems were less than a month old, and the lieutenant who received the warning thought it was a false alarm. By 7:40 AM, the first wave of Japanese aircraft had reached Oahu, having evaded American early warning systems. Shortly thereafter, the Japanese aerial commander ordered the attack.

The Japanese aircraft flew in two waves. The first wave attacked airfields and anti-air defenses on the west side of the island, while the second wave, almost an hour later, concentrated on the eastern side. Both waves met over Pearl Harbor.

In the harbor, anchored ships made perfect targets for the Japanese bombers. Most of the damage to the battleships occurred in the first thirty minutes of the assault. The Arizona was completely destroyed and the Oklahoma capsized. The California, Nevada and West Virginia sank in shallow water. However, the Pacific fleet's three aircraft carriers were at sea during the attack, and the Japanese failed to destroy the important oil storage facilities on the island. All but two of the battleships were returned to service during the war, and overall U.S. naval strategy in the Pacific shifted to rely on aircraft carriers over battleships as a result.

Japan's fleet of 67 ships was located about 200 miles north of Oahu. They launched dive bombers, torpedo bombers and fighter planes. There were 353 Japanese aircraft involved in the attack, 29 of which were shot down. Only one Japanese ship that participated survived to the end of the war.

In total, 2,404 U.S. military personnel and civilians were killed. 1,177 of those casualties were aboard one ship—the USS Arizona, where an armor-piercing bomb struck and ignited over a million pounds of gunpowder within the ship. Sixty-eight civilians were also killed.

After the battle, fifteen individuals were awarded the Medal of Honor and fifty-one were awarded a Navy Cross for their actions in battle. The following day, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt addressed the United States, and the U.S. Congress declared war against Japan. Three days later, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States. And the previously reluctant nation entered the Second World War.

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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 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](#)

**Charity ID #88-0708341**

All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

**Thank You**  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



## 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.



Thank you to the City of Anaheim for another touching and memorable Veterans Day Ceremony, held on November 11 at the Anaheim's Veteran Monument. The keynote speaker was our very own Col. Sean P. Dynan who is the commanding officer of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. The Esperanza High School Choir sang the National Anthem and Military Medley which was stunning. Perhaps one of the most emotional moments was a poem read by a World War II Japanese concentration camp survivor. We can't thank our Veterans enough and are so grateful to the City of Anaheim for this annual celebration.

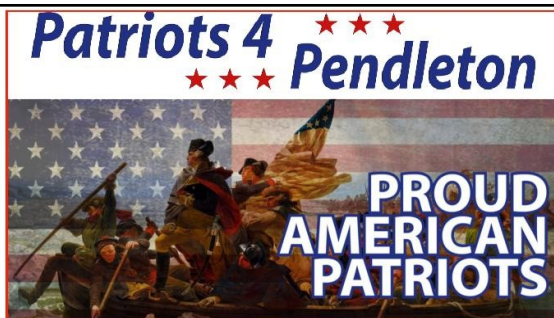


**Thank you** to **ALBERTSONS** (South Street, Anaheim) and their **customers** for their over-the-top donation of gift cards which were given to Marines and Sailors of the CLB-13, the 13th MEU, the 15th MEU, the 1st Intelligence Battalion and the 1st Radio Battalion which helped offset the cost of their Thanksgiving dinner. The program is called **Nourishing Neighbors** and it is a true blessing. P4P's grant application was one of those approved to participate in this wonderful program. A special shout out and **Thank you** to **CHRIS ORANGE** for her support and assistance in putting this together.

Thanksgiving found the 15th MEU Marines celebrating their tradition of playing flag football during the 2022 Turkey Bowl.







## **\*\* 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 single Marines who aren't able to go home for Christmas will be blessed with the gift cards.

We are inviting the community to join 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 **FIVE** units this year. 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 - that's where we come in !!!!

## **\*\* 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)

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