



Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter December 2021

The Marine Corps Birthday looked very different again this year as the Ball was cancelled due to COVID. On November 10 there was no Birthday Ball, no Birthday dinner, no Dress Blues, no beautiful gowns and no dancing the night away; BUT the 246th birthday of the world's toughest branch of the military was celebrated despite it all !!! The kids got to come out and play and traditions continued including the cutting of the cake and the ceremonial "Passing of the Cake". For those who are not familiar with this tradition, the Marine Corp's birthday cake-cutting ceremony is important to all Marines, as it is an annual renewal of each Marine's commitment to the Corps. The birthday cake is traditionally cut with the Mameluke sword. The first piece of cake is given to the Guest of Honor. Traditionally, the second piece is given to the oldest Marine, then handing the third piece to the youngest Marine signifying the passing of experience and knowledge from the old to the young of the Corps.



Even our four-legged friend celebrated the USMC birthday this year.



CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Dress up the Barracks (Ongoing)



December

Christmas Gift Card and Toy Drive - Please see attached for information on how you can get involved !



Christmas is coming and it's coming quick! We've already received our gift and it's the best one ever - the opportunity to support the 15th MEU alongside so many wonderful people !! Our Toy/Gift Card Drive is under way and all the information needed is attached. Everyone is invited to share the "reason for the season" with our families as we bless them at the most sacred time of the year ! Our first Christmas with the 15th and we're so excited !!



Merry Christmas to all those who serve and to their families !!!

Merry Christmas
from our family to yours...

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
~Luke 2:10-11

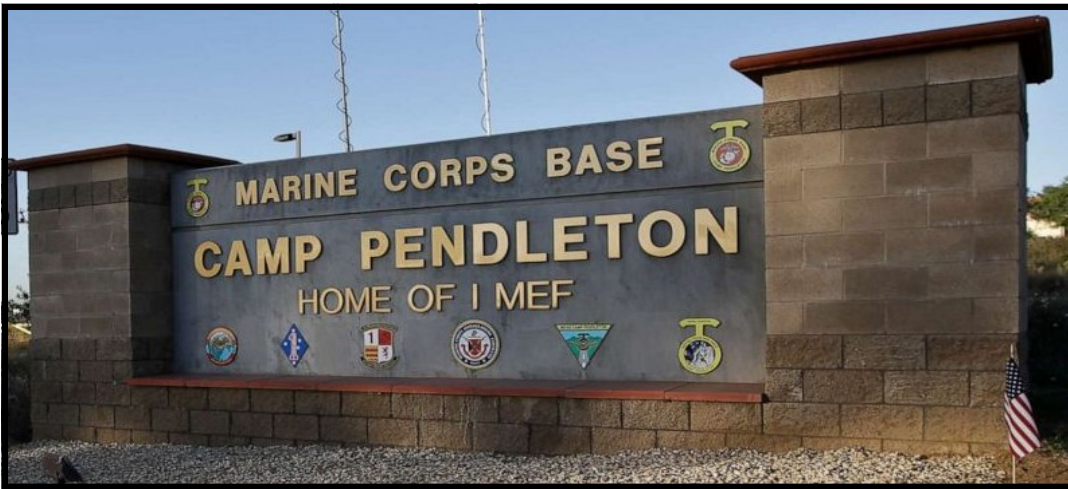
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If you are interested in making a donation in support of our 15th MEU Marines, Sailors and their families, please call 714-637-5575.





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 Scott Mason
 15th MEU
 P.O. Box 555365
 Camp Pendleton, CA 92055

Donate

For information on how you can make a donation, please call us at 714-637-5575

Say a Prayer



A day of infamy, the day Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor, is commemorated with the National Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance each year on December 7. On that day in 1941, more than 2,400 people died in Japan's attack on the Hawaiian base of America's Pacific Fleet. Hundreds of aircraft were destroyed or damaged, as were most of the ships in the harbor, and thousands of service men and women were killed or injured. It was an unprecedented surprise attack that precipitated the United States entry into WW II as we sided with the Allies and declared war on Japan.



Halloween and Thanksgiving have been here and gone, already !! The 15th MEU celebrated both holidays in fun ways this year. Halloween was "trunk or treat" style and included pizza, popcorn, water, hot beverages, costumes and of course CANDY. We were happy to donate candy for this event and to see the smiles of the faces of so many of the kids.



Due to the kindness and generosity of so many, we were able to bless each family with a \$25 grocery store gift card to help offset the cost of their Thanksgiving dinner. Our families were also blessed by **Rotary Club of Temecula Noon Rotary** who donated a turkey with a roasting pan, stuffing and gravy to each family. Our families were so grateful for the surprise of these blessings !!! It's amazing what can be accomplished when we all work together !!! Thank you to all who donated !!



The 15th MEU recently returned from deployment and are looking for several items to make their next year of barracks living a bit more comfortable before they deploy once again. They are also working to convert an empty building into a recreation lounge as their common area for Marines to congregate during their free time. We are engaging the community to join us in support of this project, asking for donations of various items on the Marine's "wish list". This is an ongoing effort and we have had a great response from several donors so far but there more donations needed. The original list has grown as we just found out that there are upwards of 75 additional Marines transferring in to the 15th MEU in the next few weeks. Please take a look at the Marine's "wish list" attached and let us know if you would like to donate any of the items and bless our Marines at Camp Pendleton. We are looking for items that are either new or gently used and in very good condition. As always, all donations are welcome. If you have any questions or if you would like us to pick up your donation, please call us at 714-637-5575. If you prefer, you can also e-mail us at Patriots4Pendleton@gmail.com



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We are proud to announced that we have launched our new page. 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 **BRIAN** for the ping pong table, additional ping pong balls and pool table cover !!!



Thank you **GERRY** and **ANITA** for the microwave ovens. The Marines who received these couldn't believe they had been so blessed by strangers. Thank you to **ROBERT**, store manager of **Home Depot in Anaheim Hills**, for his assistance. Being a veteran himself, he was more than happy to assist !!



Thank you **LARRY** for the great dartboard !!!

Item Requested	# Requested	# Donated	# Remaining
BARRACKS ROOMS			
Roller Chairs	15	13	2
Bathroom Throw Rugs	45	15	30
Small Table for Eating/play cards	15	2	13
Fans	15	6	9
Microwave Ovens	15	15	0
End tables or night stands	15	7	8
3" Mattress toppers (twin size)	29	1	28
Removable shower heads	15	15	0
Small desk lamps	60	19	41
Colorful Shower Curtains & Rings	15	15	0
Rubber Shower Mats	45	15	30
Humidifiers	15	0	15
RECREATION LOUNGE			
X-Box One/PlayStation	1	0	1
Big TV and stand or wall mount	1	1	0
Couches	1	2	0
Pool Table	1	1	0
Ping Pong table	1	1	0
Dart Boards	1	1	0
Speakers	1	1	0
Foosball Table	1	2	0
Corn Hole	1	1	0
Horse Shoes	1	0	1
Grilling Utensils	1	1	0



Thank you to **MIKE** and **VETERAN AIR** for not one but two Foosball tables. Double the blessings !! As always, Mike and his company are beyond generous !!



Thank you **RICK** and **COLLEEN** for the pool table along with all the accessories that go along with it. The Marines love to play pool in their "down time" !! A big thank you to **DAVID** for professionally packing and transporting the pool table to Camp Pendleton so that it wouldn't get damaged or thrown off balance. Thank you also to **DEBBIE** for donating the cost of packing and transportation.



Thank you **PENNY** and **PATRIOTS AND PAWS** for the donation of furniture - couches, tables and chairs. Some of the items were donated to the barracks and the balance went to the recreation lounge. The lounge is coming along nicely and will be ready for the Marines to use soon !

**VISION
CITY
CHURCH**

Irvine, CA

Thank you to the Pastors and the entire congregation of the Vision City Church in Irvine for all of their amazing donations. From shower mats to bath rugs to showerheads to night stands and more, they have been so generous !!

There are so many more people to thank - check back next month for more good news and Thank You's !!!



Thank you **KRIS** for the gorgeous corn hole set !! Your continuing support has been such a blessing ! You are beyond amazing !! As you can see, the Marines loved it and so did we !!



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS THIS CHRISTMAS !!!

Patriots 4 Pendleton is providing an opportunity for **you** to support the brave Marines, Sailors and families of the **15th MEU** at this most sacred time of the year. We can't think of a better time than Christmas to show these young military families, many who will not be celebrating the holidays with family, that they are not forgotten and are truly appreciated. We invite **you** to play **SANTA** to those who sacrifice so much all year long for all of us. Please join other Patriots in this amazing community as we bring some Christmas cheer to our **15th MEU families**.



HOW CAN YOU HELP ???

There are several ways **YOU** can help ! We are collecting unwrapped toys for the children (up to age 12) along with \$20 store gift cards for our teenagers and \$25 store gift cards for our **single Marines**. We are also in need of donations of awesome raffle prizes - the raffle really adds that special extra fun and joy to the day !!! If you have any questions, please contact us by phone at 714-637-5575 or via email at Patriots4Pendleton@gmail.com - We are more than happy to pick up your donation. **Deadline date: December 12, 2021**