



Patriots 4 Pendleton

Monthly Newsletter

February 2022

The 15th MEU has been participating in the annual Iron Fist at Camp Pendleton since January 10. The U.S.-Japan amphibious exercise Iron Fist will include waterborne training with the Marine Corps' newest amphibious combat vehicles.

For six weeks, U.S. Marines with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) soldiers with 2nd Amphibious Rapid Deployment Regiment and the supporting units on the ranges and beaches will come together for sea to shore training that includes advanced marksmanship, amphibious reconnaissance, fire and maneuver assaults, logistics and medical support, fire support operations, operations in urban terrain, combined staff planning, an amphibious assault and much more.

For decades, the partnership and trust between the United States and Japan has been crucial in ensuring security across the globe. As our adversaries become more assertive, we can rest assured that we do not face these challenges alone, but hand-in-hand as allies. This training stresses the coordination and capabilities needed for the U.S. and Japanese to integrate as a combined team. Training and practicing will improve the ability to operate together and allow the partnership to grow and flourish.

The United States and Japan share common goals in the Indo-Pacific region such as freedom of navigation, economic prosperity within the rules of international law, and deterrence of aggression. Exercises like Iron Fist affirm U.S. commitment to our allies and our strategic objectives. We are so proud of the continuing success of our 15th MEU and allies during Iron Fist, 2022.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Dress up the Barracks (Ongoing)

And the donations for the barracks just keep on coming !!!! A big **THANK YOU** to **Sharon Edlin** and to the congregation of **St. Mary Magdalene Church** for their recent donation of 30 shower mats !!! Our 15th MEU Marines continue to be blessed and that is priceless !!!



CONGRATULATIONS to the 15th MEU retiring Operations Chief Master Gunnery Sergeant Jamie Myers. MGySgt Myers dedicated 30 years of honorable service to our Marine Corps. We wish him much luck in his well deserved retirement !!

Fair Winds and Following Seas and **THANK YOU** for your Service !!



March - April
Easter Baskets and Gift Card Drive
Details to follow !!

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



THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS ~ Abraham Lincoln ~ 11/19/1863

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives, that that nation might live.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S PRAYER FOR AMERICA ~ June 8, 1783

"I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in His holy protection, that He would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristics of the Devine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. Amen."



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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 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



Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Stronger together: US Marines, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force soldiers conduct bilateral waterborne operations off Camp Pendleton coast

U.S. MARINE CORPS STORY BY CPL CARL MATTHEW RUPPERT

IRON FIST
2022