

Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter January 2024



THANK YOU

for the lives you touch we appreciate you

SO MUCH



CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

15th MEU Deployment Send Off Easter Basket Drive

P4P's Founding Patriots

Jerry Zomorodian All American Petroleum
Brian Chuchua
Christopher & Cecilia
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P4P's Patriot Partners

Ampac Business Capital **A**naheim **H**ills **R**otary **C**lub Conservative Patriots of *Orange County (CPOC)* Earl Kelso **H**unsaker & **A**ssociates John Lavender John Sheffield Kiwanis Club of Greater *Anaheim* Knights of Columbus Council 9195 Kris Weber Lucille Bolduc Meghan Shigo Nikki **K**arell Orange Lutheran Lancer **B**aseball Ralph & Winnie Harp Rhona Gewelber St. Mary Magdalene Church, Orange Veteran Air Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 756 Vision Calvary Chapel

Wilson Automotive

With as good as the year was, it's hard to believe that it could get any better but we have to say that Christmas far exceeded our wildest dreams. We had huge goals this year and not only did we meet those goals, together we surpassed those goals. We had individuals, businesses and other non-profits donate a total of almost 700 toys, 225 gift cards, 35 raffle prizes and 150 Bath & Body gift bags for the 15th MEU spouses. We also received monetary donations which were used to provide a delicious traditional Christmas meal for the 15th MEU, desserts for a second unit and for the purchase of additional gift cards needed. Enough toys were donated that we were able to bless even more units than we thought we would be able to and to say that our families were grateful is an understatement. And of course, the highlight of the parties was Santa, Mrs. Claus and one of the reindeer. We are so happy that they were able to take time out of their very busy Christmas schedules to spend time with our families.

A big THANK YOU to the countless numbers of individuals who donated along with those who partnered with us again this year in holding toy drives. Thank you so much to ORANGE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL LANCER BASEBALL for inviting their families and families of three other teams to bring toys to the Toy Drive at one of their games. We had 8 Marines in attendance and part of the fun is that they were invited to throw out the first pitch. We also thank the CONSERVATIVE PATRIOTS OF ORANGE COUNTY (CPOC) for all the toys and gift cards donated at their Christmas party. The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9195 donated gift cards and AM PAC BUSINESS CAPITAL did a good job collecting toys at one of their holiday events. The members of VISION CALVARY CHURCH donated gift cards. HUNSAKER & ASSOCIATES has also been a huge supporter of our military and as they've done for so many years, they invite their employees to bring toys and gift cards to their annual Christmas party which are donated to our families. They also invite us and Marines to attend their party where we enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner with their employees. The Marines are always welcome guests and are treated like family. Thank you once again to Steve "SPERNAKLAUS" Spernak and his friends for donating so many large stuffed animals. New partnerships this year include ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH who donated toys and gifts cards and VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ANAHEIM POST 3173 who made a monetary donation.

Wow We are truly humbled and blessed and are nothing without you !!!

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.

We're not sure where 2023 went but what a spectacular year it was. With the generosity and support of so many, we were able to bless many more families throughout the year than we thought we could. P4P sponsored holiday events, family events, single Marine events, provided emergency grocery store and gasoline gift cards, donated towards scholarship funds for Camp Pendleton Marines, spouses and dependents, donated hundreds of dollars worth of school supplies, donated several hundred "Play Packs" to the Naval hospital on base, sponsored the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, provided ALBERTSONS Thanksgiving meals and so much more. We only mention these things because we want everyone to know where their donations have gone and how much support your donations allowed us to give to our military families. Prayers went up and prayers were answered. We thank you all and can hardly wait to see what we can all do in 2024 - trusting and believing that it's going to be another fabulous year !!

THANK YOU Vision Calvary Church FOR YOUR GENEROUS CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM CAMP PENDLETON FAMILIES



THANK YOU St. Mary Magdalene Church







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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

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















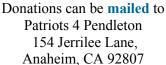






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December 28, 2023

Patriots 4 Pendleton,

Thank you so much for your continued support, especially during this holiday season. Since your organization's inception, Patriots 4 Pendleton has provided unwavering care to the members of 15th MEU. Your organization not only generously supports our team with contributions, but they are also generous with their time – spending nights and weekends providing hands-on support to our team. You have been such a constant source of support that, at this point, we consider the members of Patriots 4 Pendleton a part of our extended 15th MEU family. In my 26 years as a Marine, I have not experienced the scale of support that is provided by Patriots 4 Pendleton.

In every instance, your support has been greatly appreciated by every Marine, Sailor, and family. This year especially, as we complete final preparation for deployment, your generosity has significant impact. We are a much larger unit now, having grown from roughly 100 Marines and Sailors to over 2600. In many cases, children and spouses are dealing with long periods of separation for the first time. This is especially hard as our key training events and deployment occur around the holiday season.

Your support to the members of the Command Element, the Reconnaissance Company, and Combat Logistics Battalion 15 at this year's annual Christmas Party was outstanding. Service members returned from training on 21 December and heard firsthand about the incredible generosity provided by your organization. Having been present for the two previous Holiday Parties, I know the wonderful emotions felt by our parents as their children respond to your generosity. This unit, the Marines and Sailors of Camp Pendleton, and the City of Anaheim are fortunate to be associated with your team. It may seem like a small thing to some, to provide time and contributions, but to us your support is priceless. So thank you... for everything, but most of all thank you for caring for our families when our servicemembers are focused on the mission. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

Semper Fidelis,

Colonel Sean P Wnan Commanding Officer

15th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Command Element DRC Leticia "Missy" Harrison BLT 1/5 DRC Michele Diamond CLB-15 DRC Marija Milan VMM-165 (REIN) DRC Kelli Richardson VMFA-225 DRC Ashlee Miller













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