

PATRIOTS 4 PENDLETON

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Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter September 2022



P4P was honored to help sponsor the Family Beach Bash held on August 20 for the **15th MEU**. The day was perfect for a trip to the beach. Because of the generous donations received we were able to supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, chips, all the condiments, raffle prizes and the plates, napkins, and cutlery. What a blessing !!! There was volleyball, spike ball and corn hole games - thank you **Kris Weber** for the donation of such a beautiful USMC corn hole game, it is used at all their events !! Seeing the families out and enjoying the day with their fellow Marine families was absolutely priceless. Again, we can't do this without so many who donate and support our families who are so deserving and so very grateful. **Thank you so much !!!**



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. Their attendance is **mandatory** and as a way to celebrate with them, we are inviting our friends and fellow Patriots to bless one of our Marines with a birthday gift by sponsoring a Marine for the Ball. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Staying in town for the Labor Day weekend? If so, we invite you to come on out to **San Antonio Catholic Church** on **Saturday, 9/3** with all your recyclable beverage containers. The dedicated members of the **Knights of Columbus** will be there, holiday or not, to collect your donations. Help make a difference by supporting those who support so many, including our Marines, Sailors and their families !!



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

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

P4P's Founding Patriots

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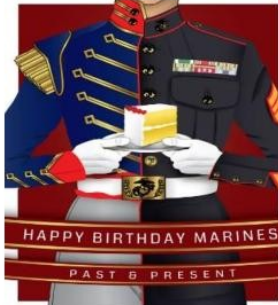
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INVITES YOU TO SPONSOR A MARINE

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

Patriots 4 Pendleton is a 501c3 organization so your donation is tax deductible. Charity ID #88-0708341



MY EYES HAVE SEEN THINGS
YOURS HAVE NOT.

MY HEART HAS BURNED IN WAYS
YOURS CANNOT.

MY SOUL HAS BLED IN WAYS
YOURS WILL NOT.

THE HAVE NOTS, CANNOTS AND
THE WILL NOTS ARE THE SHEEP
OF OUR NATION.

THEY SLEEP WITHOUT FEAR
BECAUSE I AM THE WOLF THAT
KEEPS THE OTHER WOLVES AT
BAY.

I AM A UNITED STATES MARINE.



“Gold Star Mother’s and Family Day falls on September 25 this year and is traditionally observed on the last Sunday in September. The day is for honoring families of those who have received The Gold Star – the military award no one wants. The award commemorates the tragic death of a military member who has perished while in the line of duty and hopes to provide a level of comfort to the parents and families that are left behind. Since World War 1, a “Gold Star Family” has signified a family that has lost one of its members in combat. The family can display a Gold Star Service Flag for any military family members who have died from any honorable cause – each gold star on the flag signifies a death. Though today only around 1% of the country is involved in military service, as compared to the 12% during other times of war, like World War 2, there are still a significant number of surviving Gold Star families – not to mention, a Gold Star lives on in a family’s legacy.

Though the exact roots of the tradition aren’t totally known, it was during World War 1 that the gold star came to symbolize that a family member had fallen in battle. Around that time, the term “Gold Star Family” came to mean that you were a surviving family of a person who died in service and families hung banners with a gold star outside their homes. The tradition has since been authorized and seeks to ease the grief of mothers and families while reminding that no one truly serves alone.

Gradually, there came to be many ways for grieving family members to honor their loved ones with symbols worn or places outside the home. In 1918, President Wilson allowed grieving military mothers to wear a traditional black armband featuring a gold star. Soon after, it was approved for families to cover the blue star on the service flag outside of their home with a gold one. As of 1947, Gold Star family members can also display the Gold Star Lapel.

The American Gold Star Mothers Inc. first got its start in 1917, when Grace Siebold’s son was killed during World War 1. Wanting to create a support system for grieving mothers in similar circumstances, Grace gathered what would become the American Gold Star Mothers to grieve together and tend to hospitalized veterans in local hospitals. The organization was formalized as a non-profit in 1928, with a mission of remembrance, education, and patriotism. Still today, they support Gold Star mothers in their grief, hold an annual conference, and organize events with supporting groups.

Though Gold Star Mother’s and Family Day isn’t observed as a National, federal holiday like Memorial Day, it was declared by Congress in 1936 to be the last Sunday in September – though, at the time, it was only known as “Gold Star Mother’s Day.” It was in 2011 that President Obama amended the declaration, declaring the day to include families as well as mothers. Today, the holiday includes any immediate family member and authorizes that person to display the Gold Star Service Flag.”

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We must never forget the sacrifices made by those who have paid the ultimate price and we must never forget the high cost of the freedoms we all enjoy. It is so important that we never take those freedoms for granted as those freedoms came at a price that none of us would ever want to pay. Because of those who can see a cause and a purpose greater than their own, we all enjoy those freedoms. The best way to say “THANK YOU” is to live our lives in a manner that is worthy of those sacrifices daily !! If you see someone wearing a Gold Star emblem, please be sure to thank them and shake their hand.