

## Patriots 4 Pendleton Monthly Newsletter January 2025

It is hard to believe that 2024 has come and gone and that we are already half way through January. We hope that everyone had a blessed holiday season. Because of the generosity of so many, **Patriots 4 Pendleton** had a very successful year in our mission to support our Marines, Sailors and their families and we are forever humbled and grateful. So much was accomplished this year – holiday parties, family events, deployments, Marine Corp birthday celebrations, emergency support, baby baskets, school supplies, a donation toward scholarships, and so much more. Enjoy a brief recap of highlights from 2024:

Easter was a huge success due to so many individual donors and to **Wilson Automotive** who has been an amazing supporter of the military and of Patriots 4 Pendleton since our inception.

Thanks to **Albertsons**, **their customers and the Gift Card Bank**, so many families were blessed with Albertsons gift cards to help offset the cost of their Thanksgiving meal.

Baby baskets were in big demand this year as we supported three units throughout the year. This year will also be busy with baby baskets as we've just added three additional units in December. The **Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim** donated Baby 411 Books that are included in the baskets – this book is a great resource for new parents and so appreciated. Donations of all kinds by so many individuals helped fill those baskets with so many things that new babies need. Many have told us that these baby baskets are one of the most important things that we do, helping new parents with their new bundles of joy with so many of the things that they need. Many of our new parents are far from home and don't have family throwing them baby showers which makes these baskets all the more special. Thank you to so many who stepped up and made such a difference.

The Knights of Columbus Council 9195, Anaheim Hills Rotary and members of Vision Calvary Chapel supported our families throughout the year with donations of all kinds – from gift cards to school supplies to handwritten letters of support that were given to units returning from deployment. Pastor and Theresa Chayasirisobhon, Ilyse Davidof and the San Antonio Catholic Church Youth Ministry donated so many school supplies that not only were we able to supply one to each child who requested one, there were boxes of various items left over to replenish supplies as needed.

Christmas surpassed our expectations and we were able to support seven units in one way or another. There were toys, prizes, stuffed bears, gift cards, parties and Christmas dinners. Toy drives were once again held by Orange Lutheran High School Lancer Baseball, Conservative Patriots of Orange County (CPOC), Hunsaker & Associates and AmPac Business Capital. Thank you to the special donations received from Christopher & Cecilia Hopper and the Silver Family Foundation. Thank you to Steve "SPERNAKLAUS" Spernak, his brother and his friends for donating so many teddy bears. Thank you to the countless numbers of others who donated and made this the most successful Christmas so far. Wow, wow, wow! Talk about blessings. THANK YOU to all of our amazing patriots!

It's worth repeating – we just cannot do what we do without all of you and we are so grateful for each and every one of you – we look forward to an even better 2025!

### **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

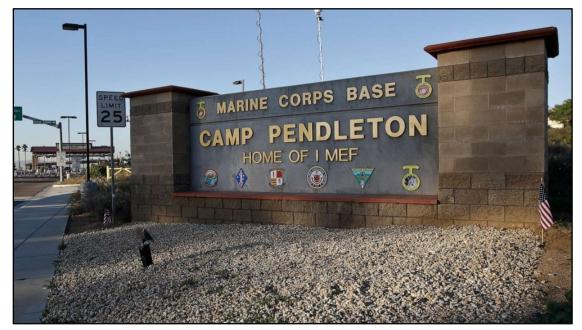
Baby Basket and Diaper Drive

## **P4P's Founding Patriots**

Jerry Zomorodian -All American Petroleum <mark>Brian Chuchua</mark> Christopher & Cecilia Hopper

#### **P4P's Patriot Partners**

Adele Ray Ampac Business Capital Anaheim Hills Rotary Club Angela DeCarlo Circle C Storage and **U-Haul** Conservative Patriots of Orange County (CPOC) Dwight Reilly Earl Kelso Hunsaker & Associates John Lavender John Sheffield Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim **Knights of Columbus** Council 9195 Kris Weber Lucille Bolduc Orange Lutheran Lancer Baseball San Antonio Catholic **Church Ministries** St. Mary Magdalene Church, Orange Victor & Theresa Chayasirisobhon Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 756 Vision Calvary Chapel Wilson Automotive





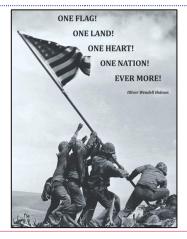
#### In Honor of PFC Winton Barrowcliff, USMC

We had the privilege of hearing about the service of PFC Winton Barrowcliff from his family members at Christmas and wanted to honor his service as a United States Marine - serving from 1942 until 1945 when he was killed in action during World War II.

Winton Barrowcliff did his training in San Diego and was moved to Camp Pendleton, which had just opened. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Division, Company C. The battalion shipped out on the USS Fayette headed for Iwo Jima. While in Iwo Jima, the battalion's mission was to take Hill Peter, but the battle was fierce and Winton died there. He was only 23 years old and not married.

We are so appreciative of all members of the military and hearing the story of a member of the Greatest Generation was so interesting – PFC Barrowcliff is truly an American Hero!







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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

There are several ways you can donate:

Donate through Zelle using our email address

Donations can be **mailed** to Patriots 4 Pendleton 154 Jerrilee Lane Anaheim, CA 92807

You can donate through the link on our website page which can be accessed <a href="here">here</a> or you can donate through our square account by clicking <a href="Donate">Donate</a>

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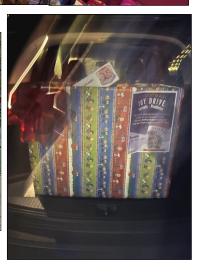


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## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**



