**Award: Community Catalyst of the Year**

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**Justification for Nomination:**
Samantha “Sam” Taylor has been a driving force in the Camp Pendleton community for the past two years, creating an inclusive environment where every spouse feels welcomed and supported. She routinely organizes monthly coffee meetups, parenting workshops, and newcomers’ socials to help connect families and ease the transition for those arriving at the installation.

Last fall, Sam launched the “Pendleton Pals” program, pairing new spouses with seasoned volunteers to ensure no one navigates the challenges of Marine Corps life alone. She also led the formation of a resource-sharing network that connects families to tutoring services, childcare options, and home maintenance tips.

Sam’s hands-on leadership, coupled with her warm, approachable demeanor, has made her a trusted point of contact for countless spouses. Her ongoing efforts to foster trust, camaraderie, and a sense of belonging have truly strengthened the community at Camp Pendleton.