

NEWSLETTER FALL-WINTER 2024



WE BEFRIEND, HONOR, AND SUPPORT VETERANS IN HOSPICE
JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM AT WWW.VETERANLASTPATROL.ORG

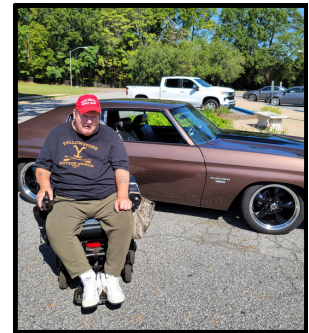
OPERATIONS Q4 2024

COMMUNITY AWARENESS BUILDING ACTIVITIES

- 6th Annual Operation Holiday Salute:** This special event is approaching quickly, and we are seeking Holiday & Christmas Cards from Americans around the country. Last year, we successfully collected and delivered nearly 60,000 cards to veterans on their Last Patrol. Our goal is 70,000 this year! For more information, please visit the link below:
<https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/operation-holiday-salute>
- Adopt a Care Facility Program:** Senior Care Facilities are all over the country and most of them have veteran patients/residents. You can help us locate veterans on their Last Patrol by visiting facilities near you. If you would like to "adopt" a facility near your area, please learn more here: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/volunteer>
- Cards of Gratitude Program:** This is our year-around card program. These cards give you a chance to say "Thank You" one last time to our veterans who are on their Last Patrol. Learn more at: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/cards-of-gratitude>

VOLUNTEERS STATUS

- Over 700 Last Patrol volunteers serve nationwide.
- A Last Patrol volunteer in Virginia visited a Navy veteran in hospice care and presented him a letter from Senator Mark Warner VA.
- Last Patrol volunteers in Florida honored Army Korean and WWII veterans. And volunteers in Missouri honored a Vietnam War veteran.
- We seek more volunteers around the country. Learn more about our volunteer program here: [Volunteer | Veteran's Last Patrol | USA \(veteranlastpatrol.org\)](http://Volunteer|Veteran'sLastPatrol|USA(veteranlastpatrol.org))



5TH ANNUAL HONOR RIDE SEPT 21, 2024

OUR 5TH ANNUAL HONOR RIDE WAS A REMARKABLE SUCCESS! NINE STATES AROUND THE COUNTRY DID HONOR RIDES. WE VISITED 250 SENIOR CARE FACILITIES. ALL PARTICIPANTS HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. WE "MADE THE DAY" OF THOUSANDS OF VETERANS IN THESE FACILITIES. SEE ONE MEDIA STORY HERE: [FOX CAROLINA NEWS - HONOR RIDE FOR VETERANS IN GREENVILLE](http://FOXCAROLINA NEWS - HONOR RIDE FOR VETERANS IN GREENVILLE)



VOLUNTEER VISITS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE CORE OF OUR MISSION. SEVERAL RALLIED TO HONOR USAF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES. JIM SERVED FROM 1963-1983. HE MET HIS WIFE, LITE, IN THE PHILIPPINES. THEY HAVE A DAUGHTER TOGETHER.

THE VETERANS THAT COMPLETED THEIR LAST PATROL SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER & NOW RESIDE AT POST EVERLASTING.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER...

Edward Tate Zeigler

Edward was born in Madison, FL. He enlisted in the Army in June 1943 and was sent to Fort Gordon, GA for basic training. He was assigned to the 110th Port Marine Company in England as a Clerk Typist, managing supplies and logistics. In 1945, after V-E (Victory in Europe Day), he sailed for the Pacific but redirected to New York due to the atomic bombings, which led to the Japanese surrender. Edward was Honorably Discharged as a Sergeant and received several special commendations.



A FAMILY MEMBER OF A VETERAN WE RECENTLY HONORED WROTE THIS TO THANK US: "THE LOVE AND RESPECT YOU SHOWED MY DAD WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER. YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH THIS MEANS TO ALL OF US --- ESPECIALLY DAD."

MORE HIGHLIGHTED STORIES



HONOR CEREMONY JUDY, AIR FORCE - "MILITARY SERVICE WAS THE PROUDEST TIME OF MY LIFE."

Judy joined the Air Force to explore the world. For 23 years, she took great pride in her military service, particularly in aviation, even soloing a Piper Cherokee for her father's 70th birthday. She held tough assignments including Squadron Commander in Oslo, and had earlier assignments in Taiwan, Germany, and the Pentagon. She retired in 1991 as a Lieutenant Colonel.



HONOR CEREMONY WILLIAM, WWII ARMY - "I AM PROUD TO BE A WWII VETERAN."

William enlisted in the military in 1943, training at Camp Tyson, TN and WY. He was deployed to Europe, where he was present for Germany's surrender, and then to the Pacific. Serving in a Quartermaster Company, he worked as a mechanic, repairing machine guns and performing Military Police duties. He was promoted to Sergeant and discharged in 1946.



HONOR CEREMONY JACK, WWII NAVY

Jack was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa, and is a proud son of Scottish immigrants. He joined the Navy in 1942 and served in the USN Yorktown's anti-air batteries. He saw action in numerous Pacific battles, such as Wake Island, Marshall Islands, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and more. The Yorktown earned 11 battle stars and the Presidential Unit Citation. Jack is proud of his service.



6TH ANNUAL

Operation Holiday Salute

6th Annual Operation Holiday Salute-2024

Last year we obtained and delivered nearly 60,000 Holiday Cards to veterans in hospice around the country. Americans across the nation participated in this amazing operation to bring a little joy to veterans on their Last Patrol.

This year our goal is 70,000! Can you help us? You are welcome to send cards to us addressed: "Dear Veteran" or "Dear Hero".

Our packaging and postage expenses for this drive to get these cards to dying veterans is significant. Would you consider a small donation to help? Donations can be mailed us by check or made online at www.veteranlastpatrol.org



Mail your cards to:
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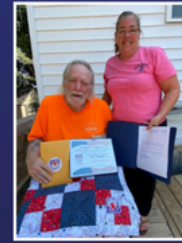
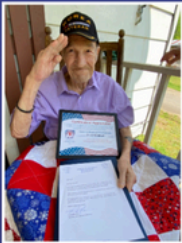
We accept cards year
around. Cards received
by 1 DEC will get to the
veterans this Christmas.

More Information:
www.veteranlastpatrol.org
864-580-8005

Veteran's Last Patrol CARDS OF GRATITUDE

Our volunteers visit veterans in hospice care around the country. Volunteers provide Friendship, Honors, and Support. These visits also allow the veteran on their Last Patrol a chance to share stories and memories for what might be the final time.

The visits also give all of us a chance to say one final time: "THANK YOU for your service". Please help us honor them. You can be one of those thanking these veterans by writing a card to "Dear Veteran" or "Dear Hero".



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