

NEWSLETTER WINTER-SPRING 2025



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

OPERATIONS Q1 2025

COMMUNITY AWARENESS BUILDING ACTIVITIES

- **6th Annual Operation Holiday Salute:** Our 2024 campaign was a tremendous success! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the organizations, hospices, and individuals who contributed by sending cards and spreading festive joy to thousands of veterans on their Last Patrol. Learn more here: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/operation-holiday-salute>
- **American Gold Star Mothers:** We would like to say a special thank you to this organization - mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of our nation. These ladies were the single largest contributors of OPERATION HOLIDAY SALUTE cards for the 2nd year. (The 5th picture to the right is when they delivered over 20,000 cards to us.)
- **Honor Ceremony Kits:** If you know a veteran in hospice or are a Hospice Care Provider that would like to enhance how you recognize veteran patients, check this: [Honor Ceremony Kits](#) | [Veteran's Last Patrol](#) | [USA](#)
- **4th Annual Veteran's Last Patrol Dinner:** Join us for our 4th Annual Veteran's Last Patrol Dinner on April 15, 2025, in Greer, SC (please refer to the flyer on page 3). Celebrate and honor our veterans with a Silent Auction and Table Sponsorships are available. We encourage supporters to host events in their communities to support our cause.

VOLUNTEERS STATUS

- We now have Last Patrol volunteers in 31 states.
- You can volunteer with Last Patrol wherever you live in America. Reach out to us here to learn more: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/how-to-help>
- If you have a senior care facility near where you live, and would like to learn more about our **Adopt a Care Facility Program**, please call us or go here: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/volunteer>



VOLUNTEER VISITS

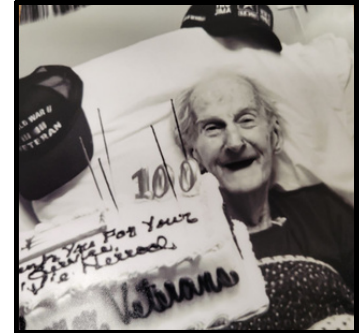
DURING A VISIT TO A SENIOR CARE FACILITY, A LAST PATROL VOLUNTEER MET A VETERAN WHO IS ALONE, WITH NO FAMILY. HIS ONLY COMPANION, HIS DOG, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE CARRIES HER PICTURE WITH HIM ON HIS LAP. OUR VETERANS NEED COMPANIONSHIP ON THEIR LAST PATROL. HELP US ENSURE THESE VETERANS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

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

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER...

PRIVATE WYLIE R. HERROD

Wylie Herrod, born in Milton, TN, enlisted in the Army on Feb 27, 1943, undergoing basic and Anti-Aircraft Artillery training at Ft Bliss, TX. He served with the 483rd AAA, participating in critical WWII operations in the Pacific, including the invasions of Peleliu and Iwo Jima. After setting up anti-aircraft positions, he witnessed significant military events, including the dropping of atomic bombs and V-J Day. He was honorably discharged on December 31, 1945, awarded multiple medals for his service, and later returned to Middle Tennessee, where he married and retired from the U.S. Postal Service.



A HUSBAND WROTE TO US ABOUT HIS VETERAN WIFE: "MY WIFE AND I LOVED ALL THE CARDS. WE ARE BLESSED TO SAY OUR ENTIRE FAMILY SERVED IN THE MILITARY. IT IS WONDERFUL HOW YOU ARE COLLECTING ALL THESE CARDS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO BLESS VETS. WELL YOU CERTAINLY BLESSED US.... TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS."

MORE HIGHLIGHTED STORIES



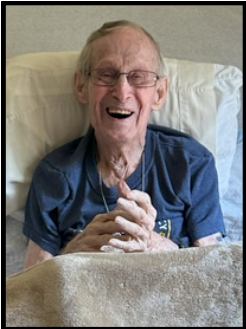
HONOR CEREMONY NORTON, WWII ARMY - "GUN READY!"

Norton was born in Connecticut. On December 28, 1942, he enlisted in the Army. Norton served as an artilleryman Tech Sergeant in the fight against Nazi Germany. On February 6, 1946, he was Honorably Discharged and was awarded numerous commendations. After military service, he pursued a career in the automotive industry. He and his wife have been married for 75 years.



HONOR CEREMONY DONALD, MARINES - "GRATEFUL FOR MY TIME IN THE MILITARY"

Donald was born in Covington, Kentucky. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on July 17, 1961, serving four years on active duty and an additional two years in a non-active capacity as a Non-Commissioned Officer in Artillery. He received an Honorable Discharge on June 16, 1967. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Rifle Marksmanship Badge.



HONOR CEREMONY JAMES, WWII MERCHANT MARINES & KOREAN NAVY- "I WON'T FORGET MY SERVICE."

James was born in Spartanburg, SC. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II from 1944-1946; and the Navy during the Korean War from 1950-1953. He married his wife in 1950 while serving in the Navy. They have been married for 70 years and together had 3 children.



WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR

4th Annual
VETERAN'S LAST PATROL DINNER
APRIL 15, 2025 - 6:00PM - 8:00PM
CITY HALL - GREER, SC



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR DINNER & SILENT AUCTION HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS



OUR MISSION IS PROVIDING FRIENDSHIP, HONOR, AND SUPPORT FOR VETERANS ON THEIR LAST PATROL. YOU CAN HELP US SUPPORT THESE SPECIAL VETERANS AND CELEBRATE THEIR SERVICE BY ATTENDING OUR 4TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S LAST PATROL DINNER. SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE DINNER WILL INCLUDE A SILENT AUCTION.



LAST PATROL VOLUNTEER READS A CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO A VETERAN IN HOSPICE.



PATTI ELLIOTT
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
OF AMERICAN GOLD
STAR MOTHERS

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS (AGSM) IS ONE OF THE NATION'S FIRST CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. AGSM'S MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF MOTHERS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD WHILE SERVING OR IN CONNECTION TO SERVICE IN THE ARMED SERVICES. THESE MOTHERS SEEK TO HONOR THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS THROUGH ACTS OF SERVICE TO VETERANS, THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING AND THEIR FAMILIES, OTHER MILITARY SURVIVORS AND THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL. AGSM IS A MAJOR SUPPORTER OF VETERAN'S LAST PATROL.



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