

# Newsletter-Winter 2020

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## Operations Q4 2020:

**SPECIAL NEWS: We completed our 1-anniversary as a non-profit in DEC 2019. THANK YOU to everyone that has helped us with volunteering or donations!!**

## **Community Awareness Building Activities Q3 2020**

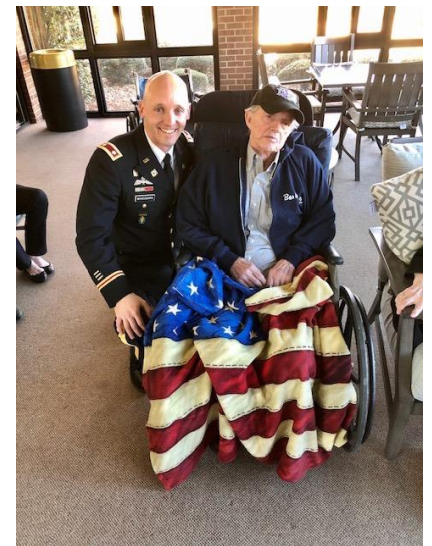
- Completed OPERATION HOLIDAY SALUTE – delivering more than 4000 Holiday Cards and gifts to veterans in hospice care and nursing homes around the country. Thank you to all the many folks that helped us. And special thanks to Janine Stange -- The National Anthem Girl ([www.janinestange.com](http://www.janinestange.com))
- Outreach Events: Shriners of Florida, Costco lunch meetings, American Legion Post 200 & continued discussions with multiple hospices nationwide.
- Social Media: We've experienced rapid growth in nationwide followers. Please follow us! On our postings you can read about volunteer stories, hospice information, and matters related to veteran's end-of-life care.

## **Volunteers Status**

- As of January 2020, we have Last Patrol volunteers available in fourteen (14) states. Please join our volunteer team. Recruiting new friends for veterans in hospice remains our primary mission!
- Volunteers receive excellent training from local hospice providers. A volunteer's most important attribute is a good heart and welcoming ear. Many are participating in Veteran Honor Ceremonies around the country.
- If you already are a volunteer.... Would you like to share a story? Help us recruit more volunteers?



## **HONOR CEREMONY**



Last Patrol assisted in an honor ceremony for a Cold War Era veteran. Furman University's Lieutenant Colonel Manganaro presented a special certificate.

## **Operations Q1 2020**

Continue recruitment of volunteers

Continue to do community awareness building

Continue Hospice Outreach

## **Honor Roll: Veterans we befriended that completed their Last Patrol & now reside at Post Everlasting**

- Air Force, Major (Korea)
- Air Force, E7 (Cold War)
- Soldier, E5, (Vietnam)
- Soldier, E4, (WWII Europe)
- Sailor, E6, (Cold War)
- Marine, E3, (WII Pacific)
- Marine, E7, (Korea)

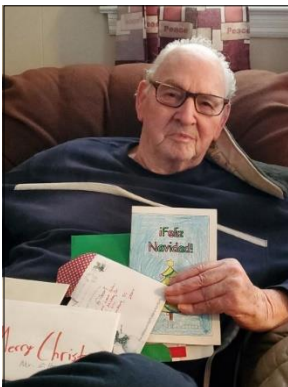
Here's a recent note from a family member of a veteran we had befriended...

*"You visited my father @ hospice house Spartanburg, SC and left a quilt. He was a ww2 vet and it meant so much to me. I put the quilt over him before his burial. Thank you so much. I am be in touch again to volunteer with your organization which does such a wonderful mission. God bless you"*



**Here's John Davis delivering Christmas gifts to a Vietnam Veteran**

## **Highlighted Stories**



### **"Operation Holiday Salute"**

*Here's a Cold War Era Air Force Veteran enjoying Holiday Cards. He and his wife are in hospice care together, and share their final days together recalling old stories and life lessons.*



### **"Operation Holiday Salute"**

*Vietnam Veteran Brad delivers a Christmas card and gift to a fellow veteran in a nursing home.*



### **"Operation Holiday Salute"**

*Veterans considered Julie a princess, as she spent time with veterans delivering gifts and cards. One grateful veteran reached for her hand and kissed it.*

## **From a note sent to Veteran Last Patrol...**

“Dear Veteran of our Armed Forces, I hope the scene on the front of this card help you recall a happy memory, a time when you were able to enjoy the beauty of our country. Beautiful though she is, what makes our country amazing is not the natural wonders. It is people like you who were willing to defend her. Thank you for being one of those amazing people. – Barbara



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