

# Newsletter: Spring-Summer 2022

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## Operations Q1 2022

### Community Awareness Building Activities

- **Veteran Volunteers visiting again:** Hospice providers around the country are restarting their volunteer programs after the long COVID limitations. We are so glad to hear this. This means lonely veterans can be visited again.
- **“1<sup>st</sup> Annual Veteran Last Patrol Dinner”:** A big THANK YOU to the sponsors, volunteers, participants, and speakers who made this event a wonderful success!
- **“3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Honor Ride for Veterans in Hospice”:** Know a motorcycle or car club? We’ve planning this year’s charity ride for veterans in their Last Patrol for October 8<sup>th</sup>. The ride will visit multiple nursing homes around the country to honor their veteran patients. Please visit our website to learn more, register or sponsor.

## Volunteers Status

- Hospices are opening back up. Volunteers are needed to more than ever. Can you help?
- With volunteers in 24 states, our ability to help veterans on their Last Patrol around the country is steadily increasing.
- Visit [www.veteranlastpatrol.org](http://www.veteranlastpatrol.org) to learn how to volunteer.



### 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL VETERAN LAST PATROL DINNER

Our April 21<sup>st</sup> First Veteran Last Patrol Fundraising Dinner was a great success. All 150 seats were sold out! The crowd enjoyed two special guest speakers: Wounded Warrior Marine Matthew Bradford and Rep. Williams Timmons! During the event we honored WWII veteran Stanley Sedan.



### HONOR CEREMONY - JERRY

Volunteers honored Jerry Vaughn, a 1st Inf Division “Big Red One” Vietnam veteran. Jerry is in hospice care with Patriot Hospice.



### VISIBLE PRIDE

What makes everything we do worthwhile is seeing patriotic pride on the faces of the veterans we honor.

**Please take a moment to remember...**

**The veterans that completed their Last Patrol since our last Newsletter**

The granddaughter of a veteran who had received a Last Patrol Honor Ceremony wrote this to describe our ceremony:

*"Thank you so much to the incredible volunteers of this organization who dedicate so much time and energy to honor veterans nearing the end of their lives... They made my grandfather feel 'on top of the world.'"*

**More Highlighted Stories**



**HONOR CEREMONY--WWII VETERAN**

Robert Barton distinguished himself in the Army Air Corp while fighting against the Japanese Empire. Robert's a recipient of a Distinguished Flying Cross, along with other medals of valor. We recently honored him.



**HONOR CEREMONY- EDWARD HARDIN**

Edward Hardin served in the Air Force from 1955-1959. His duties included radio and radar maintenance. He is in home hospice care with Halcyon Hospice. He saluted our attending volunteers.



**HONOR CEREMONY--WWII VETERAN**

Volunteers and family gathered to honor Neill Perrin. Neill received a Bronze Star for Valor while fighting in Germany. It's very special when large families can attend our ceremonies and see the veteran brotherhood in action



**HONOR CEREMONY- JIMMIE BABB**

Jimmie served in the storied Army 1st Infantry Division, the "Big Red One." He was an Army artilleryman in the 1950s. Today Jimmie is on his Last Patrol and in hospice care with Providence Care. His family attended our ceremony.



**HONOR CEREMONY- GROVER**

Korean War veteran, Grover Boland, is in hospice care with Hospice Care of the Piedmont. Grover served his country in both the United States Navy and Air Force. Volunteers and family honored him with a special ceremony.