

Our Mission:

Befriend, Honor, and Support
Veterans in Hospice Care

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Operations Q3 2022

Community Awareness Building Activities

- **Veteran Honor Ceremonies:** Volunteers conducted honor ceremonies in 13 states this past quarter. If you know a vet in hospice care in your community, contact us to find out how you can honor him or her in a special way.
- **"3rd Annual Honor Ride for Veterans in Hospice":** We visited nearly 1000 veterans in 87 Nursing Homes around the nation on Saturday, OCT 8th. Bike and Car groups in 11 states took part. Contact us to learn how you can join us with your own event to support our mission.
- **"4th Annual Operation Holiday Salute":** Cards from Americans around the country are coming in for our Operation Holiday Salute. Learn more here: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/operation-holiday-salute>

Volunteers Status

- With COVID improvements, volunteer programs around the country continue to reopen. If you have wanted to volunteer with us in the past and were unable because of COVID, now is the time to reengage.
- If you are Hospice Care provider receiving this Newsletter, let us know how we can support each other and bring more attention to veterans on their Last Patrol.
- We seek volunteers to be a Last Patrol Nursing Home liaison for us so we can find vets in need of support
- Visit www.veteranlastpatrol.org to learn how to volunteer.

A collage of four photographs. Top-left: A young girl holding up a green card with a drawing. Top-right: A volunteer in a blue shirt talking to an elderly veteran in a wheelchair. Bottom-left: A volunteer reading a card to a veteran in a wheelchair. Bottom-right: Hands writing on a card with a red marker.

4TH ANNUAL OPERATION HOLIDAY SALUTE

Our goal this year is receiving 60,000 personalized cards from all over the country for delivery to veterans around the country in hospice care.

Send your cards:
Veteran Last Patrol
140B Venture Blvd.
Spartanburg, SC 29306

A photograph of an elderly man in a red shirt and a younger man in a blue t-shirt shaking hands. They are sitting at a table with a red, white, and blue quilted tablecloth. The younger man has his arm around the older man's shoulder.

Visits to veterans in hospice are so meaningful for the patient and rewarding for our volunteers. We owe these special veterans so much. Here a father and son share a special moment during a recent honor ceremony.

Please take a moment to remember...

The veterans that completed their Last Patrol since our last Newsletter & now reside at Post Everlasting.

The wife of a veteran for whom our volunteers conducted an honor ceremony recently sent this kind note to us:

“So grateful. After your volunteer team left, he said that he couldn’t remember another day when he was as proud to be a veteran as this one. He still talks about your ceremony almost every day.”



HONOR CEREMONY—RONALD

Last Patrol volunteers honored Ronald. Now in hospice, Ronald was a Sergeant in the United States Marine. He did 3 tours in Vietnam as a rifleman, machine gunner, and member of Force Recon. After active duty, he served in the Marine Reserve.



3RD ANNUAL HONOR RIDE FOR VETERANS IN HOSPICE

Participating Ride Groups around the country sent pictures. These patriotic American riders and cars visited 87 Nursing Homes around the country. This brought a lot of excitement to these very special veterans. We thank everyone that helped make this National 3rd Annual Honor Ride for Veterans on their Last Patrol possible!



VISITING VETERANS ON THEIR LAST PATROL

There are far too many lonely veterans in Nursing Homes. With COVID restrictions lessened, volunteers can now finally visit veterans again in these facilities around the country. That’s brotherhood in action. A visit demonstrates gratitude and respect for these veterans on their Last Patrol.

Here an Honor Ceremony that was conducted at the Lancaster Grove, Lancaster SC. Several groups of veterans were honored, and smiles and gratitude were clearly evident.



HONOR CEREMONY- JUD

Last Patrol volunteers and family honored Judson with a special Honor Ceremony. Jud served his country from 1959-1963 in the Air Force during the Cold War, including the Cuban Missile Crisis. He is now in hospice care.

After military service, Jud joined the FAA and served there several decades. He is married, has two daughters, and is blessed with 14 grand & great grandchildren.