

Our Mission:

Befriend, Honor, and Support
Veterans in Hospice Care

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Operations Q4 2023

Community Awareness Building Activities

- **5th Annual Operation Holiday Salute:** We seek cards from Americans around the country for our 5th Annual Operation Holiday Salute. Last year this program served “10,000” vets in hospice and we hope to increase that. Learn more here: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/operation-holiday-salute>
- **Adopt a Care Facility Program:** Our supporters are signing up for this new program. You can help us locate veterans on their Last Patrol by visiting facilities near you. If you would like to “adopt” a facility near you, please reach out to us to learn more how: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/how-to-help>
- **4th Annual Honor Ride & Car Show (30 Sept):** With our recent National Honor Ride, we visited nearly 1000 veterans in Nursing Homes around the nation. Bike and Car groups in 12 states took part this year so far. A great time was had by all. Other groups will do a Ride for us before the end of this year. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Volunteers Status

- A new Last Patrol volunteer team in Oregon conducted their first Honor Ceremony for a Navy veteran in hospice care.
- Over 100 people attended a very special Last Patrol ceremony in Virginia honored a Coast Guard veteran in hospice care
- We now have volunteers in 30 states. Patriots around the country continue to learn about our non-profit and reach out to learn more about volunteer opportunities in their communities.
- If you learn about a veteran in hospice care, please contact us. The inquiries we receive directly from families about a loved one are increasing. We try to help everyone we can.
- If you are currently volunteering with us and you would like to do something special for a veteran patient you are visiting, we can help you with Honor Ceremony kits.
- Visit www.veteranlastpatrol.org to learn how to volunteer.



5TH ANNUAL OPERATION HOLIDAY SALUTE

Our goal this year is receiving 65,000 personalized cards from all over the country for delivery to veterans around the nation in hospice care.

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



Dave visits a veteran patient in Seattle.

Individual volunteer visits are our core mission. Last Patrol volunteers visit the vets in hospice at their private homes and in care facilities.

No veteran should be left behind.

Please take a moment to remember...

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

The daughter of a veteran who recently completed his Last Patrol, wrote this to us after our Honor Ceremony:

"I'm beyond words... We appreciate your kindness and the wonderful gifts and efforts for our veterans of this great country, America."

More Highlighted Stories



HONOR CEREMONY— Ronald, USMC

Ron grew up on a dairy farm in Minnesota. He joined the Marine Corps and served from 65 – '69 flying helicopters, including a tour in Vietnam. We salute you, Sir.



4th Annual Honor Ride & Car Show – "A big success!"

Participating Ride Groups around the country had a great time. Many sent pictures of their cars, bikes, and the veterans they visited in care facilities. Over 100 facilities and approximately 1000 veterans were visited. The Honor Rides brought excitement and our gratitude to these very special veterans. We thank everyone that helped make this National 4th Annual Honor Ride for Veterans on their Last Patrol possible! Learn more at www.veteranlastpatrol.org



HONOR CEREMONY- Ruby, Navy

Ruby, a West Virginia native, is on her Last Patrol. She joined the Navy in 1955 and became a Clerical Assistant, serving in the Navy Personnel Department. She has been married for 58 years. Last Patrol volunteers joined family to honor Ruby. As part of our honor ceremony, she was presented several patriotic gifts, a Certificate of Appreciation, and a Congressional Letter. Our ceremony demonstrated the gratitude and obligation we have for America's veterans.



HONOR CEREMONY – Albert, USMC

Last Patrol Volunteers in Maryland & Virginia honored Albert Willis who served his country in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. He is a Montford Point Marine, the first Black Americans to be allowed in the Marines. He retired as a Sergeant Major after 23 years of service. He is a past commander of the 1st District of the American Legion Department of Pennsylvania and served as the Grand Marshall of Philadelphia's 2018 Veterans Day Parade.