

# Newsletter-Spring-Summer 2021

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## Operations Q1 2021

### Community Awareness Building Activities

- **Veteran Honor Ceremonies:** Veteran receives Certificate of Appreciation, Patriot's Quilt, cards of gratitude from Americans around the country, and Congressional Letter.
- **"2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ride for Veterans in Hospice":** We've started organizing this event for September 18<sup>th</sup>, a charity ride to honor veterans in hospice care. The ride will visit multiple nursing homes to honor their veteran patients. Please visit our website to learn more, register or sponsor.
- **Motorcycle and/or Car Club rides:** If you are not located in the Upstate of SC, please consider helping us organize these rides locally where you live in support of our mission on Sep 18<sup>th</sup>. This year we hope to run several such events around the country on the same day. We already have interest in FL and NC.

### Volunteers Status

- We continue to grow our volunteer team around the country. Contact us to learn how to help.
- COVID restrictions are loosening up around the country.
- This quarter we've added volunteers in 3 new states: Washington, Wisconsin, and Oklahoma.
- We love hearing about great things volunteers do.
- Please share your stories of friendship and history. Your pictures alone tell great stories, please continue sharing them!



#### HONOR CEREMONY- DAVID ABERCROMBIE

Last Patrol volunteers honored Mr. David Abercrombie, a Navy veteran in hospice care with Providence Care.

David served in the Navy during the Cold War in 1950s. His duty included an assignment aboard the USS Orion, a Submarine Tender.



*Our quilt presentations are beautiful to watch.*

*Veterans appreciate greatly this act of gratitude by American citizens!*



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

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



**Honor Ceremony**

*Last Patrol volunteers conducted an honor ceremony for Army Veteran, Felix Przybylowicz. Felix served 21 years in the Army as a Medic. He did three combat tours, 1 in Korea and 2 in Vietnam.*

The spouse of veteran who passed away a couple weeks after our honor ceremony wrote this to us:

*“That was such a special event. He was thrilled that so many fellow veterans came out to honor him. Reminded him of the teamwork he loved about the Army. Just taking care of each other.”*

**More Highlighted Stories**



**HONOR CEREMONY- DENNIS CORDELL**

Dennis Cordell stands and salutes during an honor ceremony conducted for him by Last Patrol volunteers. Even the final adversity of death won't keep him down. Dennis, an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, is in end-of-life care with Patriot Hospice. Friends, family, and Last Patrol volunteers gathered to celebrate his service and express the nation's gratitude. Dennis received a special flag ceremony, Certificate of Appreciation, a beautiful quilt, and Congressional Letter. He was very thankful and stood up to salute.



**HONOR CEREMONY- JOHN LEOPARD**

John is one of those very unique veterans who served in both the Army & Navy during WWII. Too young to legally serve, his father had John extracted from the Army upon finding out about his enlistment. Insistent on serving his country, 2 years later, in 1943, John enlisted in the Navy and, with his extensive weapons experience, was assigned as ship security.

Volunteers conducted an honor ceremony for John, who is in hospice care with Agape Care Group. John was read a letter from Congressman Jeff Duncan thanking him for military service and his commitment to duty.

**HONOR CEREMONY- ROBERT LEE TAYLOR**

Robert Lee Taylor served as Merchant Marine during WWII. This duty put him on ships transporting vital supplies to US troops in action. The Merchant Marines were essential in making sure the logistics of America's war efforts were stocked and ready. Robert is in hospice care with Providence Care. Last Patrol volunteers and family gathered to honor him one more time.

As part of our ceremony, he received Congressional Letter, Certificate of Appreciation, and a patriot quilt. Miss Liberty Belle supported the event and sang beautiful period-piece music.