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NEWSLETTER SPRING-SUMMER 2025



WE BEFRIEND, HONOR, AND SUPPORT VETERANS IN HOSPICE JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM AT WWW.VETERANLASTPATROL.ORG

OPERATIONS Q2 2025

COMMUNITY AWARENESS BUILDING ACTIVITIES

- 4th Annual Veteran's Last Patrol Dinner: Our 4th Annual Fundraising Dinner is April 15th, 2025, in Greer, SC (details are on page 3). Join us in celebrating and honoring our veterans. Individual and Corporate Table Sponsorships are still available. Contact us for details. Our Guest Speaker is Patti Elliott, the National President of American Gold Star Mothers. If you don't live close, please consider organizing fundraising events in your community to support our mission. https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/veterans-last-patrol-annual-dinner
- 6th Annual Honor Ride: Planning for this Sept 20th Ride & Outreach event has begun. With this mobile Car & Bike show we visit Senior Care Facilities nationwide to express our gratitude to veteran residents and patients for their service. Know any car or bike clubs that might want to participate? Or perhaps a group interested in sponsoring or assisting us in organizing this Ride in your community? Learn more here: https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/6th-annual-honor-ride-for-veterans
- WWII Veterans Medal Shadow Boxes: If you know a
 WWII veteran on his Last Patrol, reach out to us. We
 can research and provide "shadowboxes," such as in
 the picture to the right.

VOLUNTEERS STATUS

- We have over 500 volunteers around the country visiting veterans in hospice care. But we need many, many more. Please join our volunteer team.
- Last Patrol volunteers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Colorado, and Florida recently rallied small teams of veterans to honor local veterans in hospice care.
- Wherever you are in America there are veterans in hospice nearby. If you would like to become a supporter or volunteer in your area, please reach out to us













VOLUNTEER VISITS

ONE OF OUR LAST
PATROL VOLUNTEERS
WOODY, HAD THE
PLEASURE OF
PRESENTING JIM, A WWII
NAVY VETERAN, A
"SHADOW BOX" IN
CELEBRATION OF HIS
100TH BIRTHDAY.

WE THANK JIM FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO OUR COUNTRY.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER...

Airman Second Class Daniel L. Fowler

A2C Daniel Fowler, born in 1939 in Greenville County, SC, joined the U.S. Air Force on February 14, 1956. He completed basic training at Lackland AFB and advanced training in Wyoming as a Communication Specialist. After marrying Becky, they were assigned to Ardmore AFB and later to Korea for a year. He then joined his family in Florida before being honorably discharged on February 13, 1960, receiving the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. Daniel worked as a truck driver for 34 years and is a proud parent of two, with three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. His sacrifices for the nation are remembered.





A HOSPICE CARE PROVIDER WROTE TO US ABOUT HER HONOR CEREMONY EXPERIENCE: "I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A PART OF THE LAST PATROL HONOR EVENT. THE EVENT WAS TRULY SPECIAL, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TIME, ENERGY, AND COMMITMENT TO HONORING THE HEROES WE CELEBRATED."

MORE HIGHLIGHTED STORIES







HONOR CEREMONY GARY, AIR FORCE - "THANK YOU, MY BROTHERS"

Gary, from Des Moines, lowa, enlisted in the Air Force in 1963 and served as a supply specialist in Okinawa and Vietnam, as well as at Nellis and Creech AFB. He was honorably discharged in 1970 at the rank of E4. Afterward, he and his wife moved to Colorado, where he worked for Mountain Bell for over 30 years. He is also a model railroad enthusiast.







HONOR CEREMONY RAY, NAVY - "I'M PROUD TO BE A NAVY VETERAN."

Ray completed high school while serving in the Navy, spending 4 years on the Franklin Roosevelt Aircraft Carrier and completing 2 Mediterranean Cold War cruises. After his military service, he had a 36-year career with the Post Office, retiring as a Supervisor, while earning an Associate's Degree in Industrial Management. He and his wife raised 5 sons, all of whom became Eagle Scouts.







HONOR CEREMONY ODELL, ARMY - "TRULY HONORED"

Odell served as a Military Policeman in the Army during the Cold War, stationed in Germany. After completing his service, he pursued a career at Sears and spent many years in the fiberglass industry. Odell cherishes his family, which includes three children and numerous grandchildren. He has a passion for singing, traveling, music, and church.



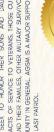
WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR

VETERAN'S LAST PATROL DINNER

AUCTION HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR DINNER & SILENT APRIL 15, 2025 - 6:00PM-8:00PM CITY HALL - GREER, ____********____**

DINNER. SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE DINNER WILL INCLUDE A SILENT AUCTION. LAST PATROL. YOU CAN HELP

SEEK TO HONOR THEIR SONS AND OF MOTHERS WHO HAVE LO CONNECTION TO SERVICE SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER







VETERAN'S LAST PATROL

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6TH ANNUAL HONOR RIDE FOR VETERANS IN END-OF-LIFE CARE

SEPTEMBER 20.









Calling all Motorcycle and Car Clubs...Join other riders around the country in a "visit" of Senior Care Facilities in your area. Please contact us for help coordinating a Ride in your geographical area.



Registered Riders will get an Event T-Shirt (\$25 rider / \$40 for Rider and Passenger) Showoff our rides & help bring some final joy to these Veterans Deliver Posters of Gratifude to Honor the Veterans and their Caregivers Show patriotism and appreciation for these men and women on their "last patrol."



Register onsite with your team, QR code, or online at 6th Annual Ride For Veterans | Veteran's Last Fatrol | Spartanburg, SC | veteranlastpatrol.org | 864.586.800\$ | admin greeteranlastpatrol.org



Veteran's Last Patrol CARDS OF GRATITUDE

Our volunteers visit veterans in hospice care around the country. Volunteers provide Friendship, Honors, and Support. These visits also allow the veteran on their Last Patrol a chance to share stories and memories for what might be the final time.

The visits also give all of us a chance to say one final time: "THANK YOU for your service". Please help us honor them. You can be one of those thanking these veterans by writing a card to "Dear Veteran" or "Dear Hero".





Mail your cards to: Veteran's Last Patrol 140B Venture Blvd. Spartanburg, SC, 29306

We accept these cards year around!



More Information: www.veteranlastpatrol.org 864-580-8005