

## Our Mission:

Befriend, Honor, and Support Veterans in Hospice Care

## **Newsletter: Spring-Summer 2024**

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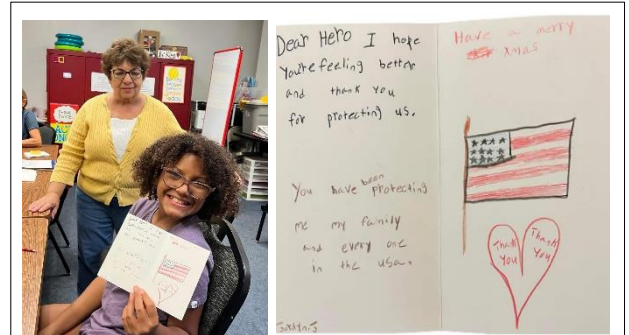
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## Operations Q2 2024

### Community Awareness Building Activities

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veteran's Last Patrol Dinner:** Please join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veteran's Last Patrol Dinner on April 9, 2024, located in Greer, SC, 6pm-8pm (See flyer on 3<sup>rd</sup> page). Come help us support these special veterans and celebrate their service. The dinner will include a Silent Auction and Table Sponsorships are available. We encourage our supporters to consider doing an event in support of us in their hometowns. [www.veteranlastpatrol.org/veterans-last-patrol-annual-dinner](http://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/veterans-last-patrol-annual-dinner)
- **Adopt a Care Facility Program:** Please help us locate veterans on their Last Patrol in care facilities near you. To "Adopt a Care Facility" near you, please reach out to us to learn more: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/how-to-help>
- **5th Annual Honor Ride & Car Show (21 Sept):** This Ride is a big annual event for us. We visit hundreds of Care Facilities around the country to thank the veteran residents and patients for their service. Know any car or bike clubs that might join us? Or a group that might be interested in sponsoring and/or helping us organize this Ride in your area? Contact us to discuss ideas or learn more here: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org/5th-annual-upstate-sc-honor-ride-for-veterans>

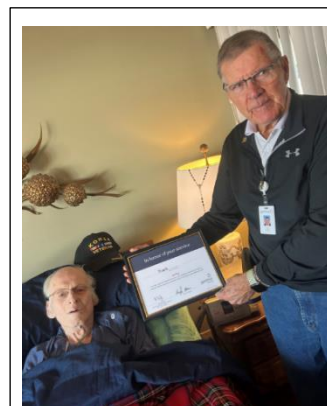


### Cards of Gratitude Program

Our volunteers visit veterans in hospice care around the country. These visits give us a chance to say "Thank you for your service" one final time. Please help us honor them by writing cards for our veterans.

## Volunteers Status

- A team of our volunteers honored a group of veteran residents in South Carolina Veteran's Homes.
- Last Patrol volunteers honored WWII veterans South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia with a medals shadow box.
- Last Patrol volunteers in Texas, Virginia, Ohio, Florida, and Minnesota honored veterans in hospice in their communities.
- If you are a current volunteer and wish to do something meaningful for a veteran patient you visit, we can provide you with Honor Ceremony kits.
- Visit [www.veteranlastpatrol.org](http://www.veteranlastpatrol.org) to learn how to volunteer.



Ron, a Last Patrol volunteer in Minnesota, visits Frank, a Korean War veteran in hospice care and presents our Honor Ceremony kit. These one-on-one veteran visits are the core of our mission. We seek volunteers around the country to help us find and serve these veterans on their Last Patrol.

## 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 we recently honored, and soon after completed his Last Patrol, wrote this to us:

*"The honor ceremony was so beautiful. Our family will never forget it. Dad talked about it every day until he died. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts."*



### **HONORING Landy, U.S. Army**

Landy was born in 1932, in Richland, South Carolina. He served in the Korean War from 1951-1953. He was married to his wife for 66 years and has a son, 3 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

## More Highlighted Stories



### **HONOR CEREMONY – Gale, U.S. Navy -- "A few days too late."**

Last Patrol volunteers were scheduled to honor Gale, a WWII Navy veteran. Sadly, Gale passed away just a few days prior to the planned ceremony. His family asked us to proceed anyway as we had prepared a beautiful medals case for him. Gale was born in 1924 in Colorado. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and was trained as a Sonarman. He was sent to Pearl Harbor, becoming a Sonar Instructor. Gale served on the USS Meade and USS Miles during the war. Both ships saw action in the Pacific. After the military, he worked for Union Carbide and was married for 57 years.



### **HONOR CEREMONY- Joe, U.S. Army**

Last Patrol volunteers conducted an Honor Ceremony for Joe, an Army Veteran in hospice care. Joe was born in 1931. He enlisted in the Army and served from 1951 – 1953 in the 2nd Armored Division during the Cold War. After the military, Joe married and had 4 children. Joe remembers his time in service as a period of brotherhood and comradeship. "I was with good men," he explained about his military duty. "I'm proud I served."



### **HONOR CEREMONY – Ronald, U.S. Marine Corps**

We honored Ronald, a Marine Vietnam vet in hospice care. Ron saw a lot of action in Vietnam with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. He served at Crabtree, Marble Mountain, and Khe Sanh. His shooting proficiency got him assigned later to a general officer's security detail. After military service, Ron and a small group of veterans formed a Ministry and Gospel Group in Hampton, VA. They traveled widely. "I wanted to keep serving," he said.



WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR

# 3rd Annual Veteran's Last Patrol Dinner

CANNON CENTER - CITY HALL - GREER, SC  
APRIL 9, 2024 6PM-8PM

**Please Join Us For Our Dinner & Silent  
Auction Honoring America's Veterans**



Our mission is providing Friendship, Honor, and Support for veterans on their Last Patrol. You can help us support these special veterans and celebrate their service by attending our 3rd Annual Veteran's Last Patrol Dinner. Sponsorships are available and the dinner will include a Silent Auction.



### Special Guest Speaker JOHN FENZEL

Green Beret Army Colonel (ret):  
Gulf War veteran, author,  
educator, and CEO of the  
World War II Foundation

Purchase Tickets  
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This Veteran's Last Patrol Event is Co-Hosted by Miss Liberty Belle

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