

We Honor Veterans Newsletter



Veterans Day Special Edition

This is a special Veterans Day edition of Gilchrist's We Honor Veterans newsletter.

The observance of Veterans Day on November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

This past Veterans Day, Gilchrist military veteran volunteers, ROTC cadets from the program at Loyola University/Towson University as well as Gilchrist staff celebrated over 300 veterans and their families across 10 days in 14 residential care communities. The ceremonies included the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the Star-Spangled Banner and God Bless America, Veterans Day readings, recognition and pinning of veterans, military and patriotic music, and a formal salute presented by the military veteran volunteers and ROTC cadets.

Gilchrist also developed a video that can be viewed by veterans, shown to veterans in residential care communities and veteran organizations, and can be watched by anyone wanting to honor veterans on this special day. Click on the link below to watch this video and please share this video with others.

[Celebrating Veterans Day 2021 - YouTube](#)

Here are photos from some of the Veterans Day events conducted by Gilchrist staff and military veteran volunteers.

Gilchrist volunteers (left to right) John Gonnella and Art Grau (along with Ed Kaplan, Jim Sandoz and music therapist Jillian Tolman) honor veterans at Charlestown's Wilton

Overlook.



Charlestown's Wilton Overlook residents singing the National Anthem.



Army veteran John Saunders being pinned by a Gilchrist veteran volunteer (assisted by Rob Hunter, Charlestown's Wilton Overlook Program Manager).



Army and Korean War Veteran Melvin Getz being honored by Army and Vietnam Veterans Royce Jones (left) and Art Grau at King David Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



Bev Herman at Brightview Perry Hall being pinned by Marine and Vietnam Veteran Paul Sullivan in honor of her husband Fredric Herman. Fredric was on the ship with Admiral Byrd when he traveled to the South Pole.



Brightview Perry Hall employee and 20-year Army veteran Philip Whaley being pinned by Army and Vietnam veteran Tim Price.



Gilchrist volunteers (left to right) Tim Price, Royce Jones, Mike Lachance, Paul Sullivan, Virgil Wright, Jim Sandoz, and Bill Hill conducting a Veterans Day event at Brightview Rolling Hills.



Air Force veteran Joe Forestiere being pinned by Army and Vietnam veteran Mike Lachance at the Veterans Day event at Brightview Rolling Hills.



The 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One) is a combined arms division of the United States Army, and is the oldest continuously serving division in the Regular Army. Big Red One veteran Tim Price salutes another Big Red One veteran at Brightview Rolling Hills.



Gilchrist veteran volunteers Retired Army Brigadier General Ed Nolley, Retired Army Colonel Bill Pulket and Marine/Vietnam veteran Virgil Wright honored staff at Keswick and then pinned and saluted veterans in their individual rooms.



Gilchrist staff and volunteers honored veterans at Autumn Lake Healthcare.



Retired Army Brigadier General Ed Nolley and Army/Vietnam veteran JT Moore honoring veterans at Symphony Manor.



Air Force and Vietnam veteran Sherman Canapp with color guard and music therapists at the Veterans Day event at Oak Crest.



Veterans at FutureCare Canton Harbor watch the Gilchrist Veterans Day video. Following the video, the veterans were pinned by Gilchrist volunteers.



Marine Corps and Vietnam veteran James Ford being pinned by Navy veteran and Gilchrist volunteer Rick Uhlig at FutureCare Canton Harbor.



Gilchrist volunteer and Army Veteran Ed Kaplan pinning Howard County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball in memory of Dr. Ball's father, Calvin B. Ball, Jr. a retired Air Force veteran. This pinning took place during the Veteran's Day Parade.

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Looking For a Few Good Volunteers

Would you like to be a Gilchrist volunteer? We are always looking for volunteers – especially those who have military experience. Our military veteran volunteers are involved in Salute to Service Tributes for veterans under hospice care, visiting public schools to talk about military service, meeting with veterans to talk about their military service, supporting our annual Welcome Home event for Vietnam Veterans, and many other activities.

If you would like to learn how to become a volunteer, contact Gilchrist at wehonorveterans@gilchristcares.org.

We Want Your Input

If you have suggestions for content you would like to see in future issues of the Gilchrist We Honor Veterans Newsletter, please contact us at wehonorveterans@gilchristcares.org.

