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## We Honor Veterans Newsletter - Special Veterans Day 2025 Edition

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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, Young Marines, Howard County Police Color Guard, Calvert Hall Alumni Veterans, as well as active-duty military personnel and Gilchrist staff celebrated several hundred veterans in 17 senior living communities. These Veterans Day ceremonies included the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the National Anthem and God Bless America, Veterans Day readings, recognition and pinning of veterans, military and patriotic music, and a formal salute presented by the uniformed personnel.

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



The Gilchrist team at Lorien Harmony Hall in Columbia.



The Howard County Police Honor Guard participating in the Veterans Day event at Lorien Harmony Hall.



The Gilchrist team at Brightview Annapolis.

Honoring veterans at Sunrise Senior Living in Pikesville.



The Gilchrist team honoring 100-year-old Army veteran Robert Russell as part of the Veterans Day event at Pickersgill Retirement Community.



The Gilchrist team at Maryland Masonic Homes with Robert Gresdo, Sr., 6 years in the Marine Corps Reserves, and Lucy Croghan, her husband Charles served in the Army and Lucy worked as nurse for the VA.



Coast Guard veteran Barbara Fagan (seated) and retired Navy veteran and Brightview Perry Hall employee Philip Whaley (kneeling) with the Gilchrist team.



The Gilchrist team at Charlestown Senior Living.



The Gilchrist team at Lorien Bel Air.



The Gilchrist team in action at Brightview White Marsh.



Gilchrist Music Therapist Kelly Phair at Brightview White Marsh



The Gilchrist team with a Navy veteran (left) at the Veterans Day event at Brightview Rolling Hills.



The Gilchrist team pinning members of the Morgan State/Coppin State University Army ROTC Bear Battalion. The ROTC members were assisting the Gilchrist team with the Veterans Day event at Springwell Senior Living Community.



(L-R) Gilchrist volunteers Colonel Bill Pulket, Army National Guard (Ret), Brigadier General Ed Nolley, Army National Guard (Ret), and Keswick President & CEO Aileen Tinney at the Veterans Day event at Keswick.

## Please Share

If you enjoyed reading this edition, please forward a copy to other veterans that you know so that they can also enjoy the newsletter. If you are reading a shared copy and would like to receive your own copy of future editions, please send an email with your request to [kmcdonnell@gilchristcares.org](mailto:kmcdonnell@gilchristcares.org).

## 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 [kmcdonnell@gilchristcares.org](mailto:kmcdonnell@gilchristcares.org).

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## 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 [kmcdonnell@gilchristcares.org](mailto:kmcdonnell@gilchristcares.org).

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