

# Introducing the Chariots of Honor First Edition Newsletter!

\* Exciting news! The inaugural edition of the Chariots of Honor newsletter is here! Our mission is to keep you informed, engaged, and inspired by showcasing the essence of honoring our veterans.

In this issue, we spotlight the impactful events led or joined by Chariots of Honor, which are dedicated to supporting, recognizing, and honoring our veterans.

As we embark on this journey, your feedback, ideas, and contributions are invaluable in shaping our newsletter into a vibrant platform for sharing compelling stories about our military, veterans, and our resilient nation.

Your support and contributions will enable Chariots of Honor to meet our goals and honor our veterans. Your generous donation will fund our mission. To donate online: <u>https://chariotsofhonor.com/donate</u>

Best regards, Herbert Valle herb@chariotsofhonor.com President, Chariots of Honor #CarryingHonorThroughProcession #DutyHonorCountry

## KOREA WAR MEMORIAL

On Saturday, July 20, 2024, Chariots of Honor partnered with the National Park Service for a meaningful initiative. We led volunteers at the Korean War Veterans Memorial wall in Washington, D.C., to support the Wall Washing Program at National Mall and Memorial Parks. Despite the lack of water, National Park Service Ranger Pierce graciously provided us with a tour of the memorial and a brief history lesson.

<u>#NationalParkService</u> <u>#VolunteerWork</u> <u>#CommunityService</u> <u>#KoreanWarVeteransMemorial</u> <u>#FreedomIsNotFree</u> <u>#WallWash</u> <u>#ChariotsOfHonor</u>

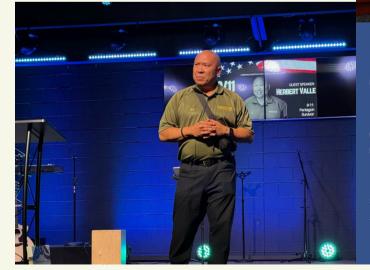




## JOHN ROSSMAN PROCLAMATION

On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors presented the proclamation, which Chariots of Honor drafted and submitted for WWII veteran John Rossmann. The proclamation recognized Mr. Rossman's honorable military service and celebration of his 100th birthday.

#Rossmann100
#ServiceSacrificeUnityVictory



### **JOHN PSARIS FUNERAL**

On August 26, 2024, Chariots of Honor attended the funeral of John Psaris, who was a WWII veteran and served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. Sgt. Psaris was a dedicated flight engineer on Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, B-25 Mitchell, and B-29 Superfortress bombers, skillfully managing engines, fuel, aircraft maintenance, and even operating the top turret guns.

Last November 2023, Chariots of Honor honored Sgt. Psaris with a special procession for his 100th birthday and military service. And in April 2024, we collaborated with Virginia Delegate David Reid to present a Commending Resolution to Sgt. Psaris for his exceptional service to our country.

<u>#JohnPsarisWWIIVeteran</u> <u>#ChariotsOfHonor</u> <u>#DutyHonorCountry</u> <u>#LoudounCountyVirginia</u>



## 9/11 COMPASS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On September 11, 2024, Herbert Valle, president of Chariots of Honor and a survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, had the very meaningful, and honorable experience of sharing his 9/11 story with the students at Compass Christian Church in Mechanicsville, Virginia located east of Richmond, Virginia.

#911 #NeverForget

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#### **USO FOOD DRIVE**

This past summer, Chariots of Honor hosted several food donation drives for August - October 2024, to benefit the USO. The donations from our patriotic citizens helped the USO in its mission to enhance the well-being of our brave servicemen and women.

Let's continue to unite to show our appreciation for their sacrifices in service to our brave, beautiful country!

Contact herb@chariotsofhonor.com for pickup/delivery. Thank you!





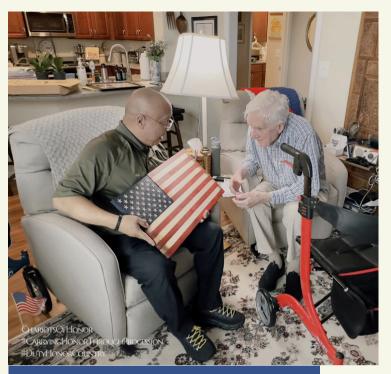
## YOUNG MARINE (Y/M) MGYSGT JAYLEN

On September 21, 2024, Chariots of Honor recognized this extraordinary young man. (Y/M) MGySgt Jaylen Parker of the Potomac River Young Marines. He has earned the highest rank within the Young Marines organization and has been the only Young Marine to achieve this honor in Washington, D.C. in over 20 years.

MGySgt Parker has been in the program since the age of 11 years old. He has loved being a Young Marine and representing the program over the years. He has traveled around different states teaching and mentoring many YMs.

#YoungMarines #YouthLeadership

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## AMERICANS DISABLED FOR LIFE MEMORIAL

On Saturday, September 28, 2024, Chariots of Honor partnered with the DAV, the Potomac River Young Marines, and the CACI Veterans Engagement Resource Group (VERG) to do a clean and foreign object debris (FOD) walk at the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, Washington, D.C.

#AmericansDisabledForLife #TheirCourageEndures

#### JOHN ROSSMAN

On Wednesday, September 25, 2024, Chariots of Honor president, Herbert Valle, was honored to present to Ashby Ponds Retirement Community resident, WWII veteran John Rossmann a framed letter from the governor of Virginia and a beautifully-made flag from Flags of Valor. The letter thanked John for his service to country and his 100th birthday.

Thank you Flag of Valor for donating the impressive flag, and Global Art & Design Gallery, Dulles Town Center, for beautifully framing the letter.

John Rossmann, at age 19 and as part of the 1st Army, 4th Infantry Division, landed on Utah Beach, Normandy during the World War II allied campaign to stop Nazi aggression and free France and Western Europe from Nazi occupation.

#JohnRossmannWWIIVeteran



#### LANSDOWNE HEIGHTS - COFFEE AND COOKIES

On October 8, 2024, Chariots of Honor president, a volunteer with the Washington-Dulles Internatinal Airport USO Dulles lounge, spent an afternoon with military retirees to talk about the USO Dulles lounge and ourr volunteer experience, their mission and their military or civilian career. It truly was a beautlful October day!

#USODulles #ForThePeopleWhoServe

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# **Newsletter Highlight**

K Chariots of Honor would like to recognize cofounder Thomas Setnor for his continued commitment to serving our veterans. Thank you Thomas for all you do!



## THOMAS SETNOR, USMC VETERAN

Thomas Setnor, one of the cofounders of Chariots of Honor and a Marine Corps veteran, continues to serve both our community and our nation with dedication and pride. A talented woodworker and artist, Thomas has crafted remarkable pieces for various nonprofits, showcasing his artistry while supporting worthy causes.

He tirelessly volunteers his time to help renovate the Mickey Finn Marine Corps League detachment building, demonstrating his ongoing commitment to service. Thank you, Thomas, for your unwavering dedication and patriotism. You are an inspiration to us all!

#ThomasSetnor #ChariotsOfHonorCofounder







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