



Ninety-six-year-old Veteran Pilot Fulfills Wish Flies in Fighter Jet

Jack Dorshaw, 96, spends almost every weekend flying planes. During his 30 years of Marine and Army Air Corps service he logged over 8,500 hours in 10 different aircrafts. Jack also holds a Master Pilot Award from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for more than 50 years of flying. His extensive experience in the air would lead many to believe he's done it all. However, Jack had one dream that had never been fulfilled. His Wish of a Lifetime™ is to experience the thrill of flight in a fighter jet.

A decorated military veteran who served during WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Cuban Missile Crisis, Jack is a "walking history book." He flew transport planes carrying soldiers during WWII. His job during the Korean War was to fly a B-26 over supply routes and locate enemies. After the military, he worked as a flight instructor in a small airport in Pennsylvania for several years.

But when your job is also your passion, work never really feels like work. "Flying to me is second nature. It is my greatest joy," Jack says. His grandson, Josh, says, "The day he can't go flying anymore would be the saddest day of his life. It would mean the world to him to fly in a fighter jet while he still can."

Brookdale and Wish of a Lifetime helped make this dream a reality for Jack. On April 7, Jack went on a fighter jet experience ride out of Angelina County Airport and experienced flight like never before. "Granting this wish proves that no matter what the age, people always have a sense of adventure," Jack said.

In 2010, Brookdale Senior Living and Wish of a Lifetime formed a partnership to provide a helping hand in making some of the dreams of Brookdale's residents come true. To request a Wish, residents fill out a Wish application explaining an experience they would like to have fulfilled and how that experience relates to one or more dimensions of Brookdale's Optimum Life® platform. Optimum Life cultivates whole-person wellness through fulfillment in the six key dimensions: purposeful, emotional, physical, social, spiritual and intellectual. Since the partnership's inception, more than 600 Brookdale seniors have had their Wish granted.

For more information about Brookdale and Wish of a Lifetime visit brookdale.com and wishofalifetime.org

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About Brookdale

Brookdale Senior Living Inc. is the leading operator of senior living communities throughout the United States. The Company is committed to providing senior living solutions primarily within properties that are designed, purpose-built and operated to provide high quality service, care and living accommodations for residents. Currently Brookdale operates independent living, assisted living, and dementia-care communities and continuing care retirement centers, with approximately 1,114 communities in 47 states and the ability to serve over 107,000 residents. Through its ancillary services program, the Company also offers a range of outpatient therapy, home health, personalized living and hospice services.

About Wish of a Lifetime

Wish of a Lifetime™ fosters respect and appreciation for deserving seniors by fulfilling their life-enriching Wishes. Founded in 2008 by two-time Olympic skier, World Cup gold medalist, entrepreneur, and former NFL football player Jeremy Bloom in living honor of his grandmother, Wish of a Lifetime has made over 1,000 Wishes come true for seniors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The organization aims to create a positive shift in the way society views and values aging by sharing the stories of its inspiring Wish recipients with those of all generations. After experiencing a wish, 93 percent of Wish recipients stated they felt their quality of life improved and 76 percent said they felt their overall health improved. To learn more about the organization or to help fulfill a senior's Wish visit www.wishofalifetime.org