

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



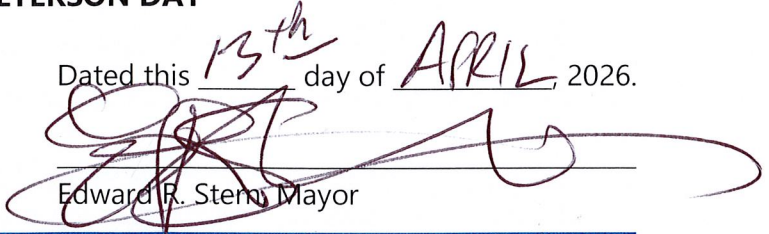
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Cecil Peterson is an esteemed and treasured member of the City of Poulsbo for more than a century, who will celebrate his 103rd birthday on April 13, 2026; and
- WHEREAS,** Cecil graduated from Poulsbo High School in 1942 and promptly enlisted in the Army to serve in the European Theater of World War II; and
- WHEREAS,** Cecil is a Bronze Star Recipient with Presidential Commendation from General Eisenhower, Purple Heart, and numerous other medals while fighting for freedom--serving as a U.S. Army Aviation Cadet and in the U.S. Army Infantry's most famous 100th Division, 397th Infantry, 3rd Battalion Headquarters Co. Anti-tank Platoon; and
- WHEREAS,** Cecil landed in Marseilles, France and fought across France from October 1944 thru May 1945 and was in Germany when Germany surrendered. His final field assignment was as part of the occupation forces of Germany in Stuttgart; and
- WHEREAS,** Cecil's service to our nation continued with his work at the Bremerton Shipyard and around the world, as his specialty was the fitting of new submarines and refitting of submarines in places like Rota, Spain and Manila, Philippines; and
- WHEREAS,** Cecil was the 4th of 5 generations of Peterson men to retire from said shipyard and he has always been active in his beloved Poulsbo. For example, he transferred his shipyard expertise to the construction of the new Sons of Norway building; and
- WHEREAS,** Cecil's Norwegian heritage keeps him strong and engaged, serving with humility and honor as one of the Grand Marshals in the Poulsbo Veterans Day Parade for the past two years; and
- WHEREAS,** Cecil will be the only WWII veteran among 80 veterans to embark on the May 2026 Puget Sound Honor Flight to our nation's Capital; and
- WHEREAS,** The community expresses thanks to Mr. Peterson for his selfless service and contributions to our beloved nation and City of Poulsbo; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward Stern, Mayor and the City Council of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, hereby offer their admiration, congratulations and very best wishes to Cecil V. Peterson on his 103rd birthday and do hereby proclaim April 13, 2026, as:

CECIL V. PETERSON DAY

Dated this 13th day of APRIL, 2026.


Edward R. Stern, Mayor

