



# Ponté Palmero

RESORT - STYLE LIVING

## Resident of the Month



**Resident of the Year 2025:**  
**Art Patterson**

**January 2026**

"Do whatever you can to help others" is a fitting motto for Art Patterson, our resident of the year for 2025. Art has lived at Ponté Palmero for 17 years. During that time, he has been PPRA President twice, Vice President twice, and has served on the PPRA board for several years. He helps get speakers from the community for PPRA meetings and helps Ponté with community relations. Over the years following his retirement, Art has worked with the Food Bank of El Dorado County and 3 local chambers of commerce and helped get veterans signed up for VA services. He is currently on the board of directors for the food bank.

Art has 2 sons and 1 daughter, 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He was born in Evansville, Indiana. Art was raised by his grandparents. When he was 14, his dad remarried, and they went on a trip to Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee. He thought they were just visiting, but his family left him there. Art loved military school and found a home there.

At 17, Art went home to Indiana. He went to the post office and tried to sign up for the Marines and the Navy. They turned him down. The Army said, "We want you," and put him on a train to Arkansas. When he got there, they said his military school education qualified him for active duty. In 1945, he was sent to California, and then to Japan. He returned to the States and moved all over.

Art got out of the army in 1950. He attended Evansville College briefly and joined the Air Force Reserves. He was called to active duty 1 month later and served in Korea. After returning home, he married his first wife.

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- Cathy Wood - Jan 1
- Gerda Graffunder - Jan 2
- Frederick Cramer - Jan 4
- Lana Bahnsen - Jan 6
- Stan Brown - Jan 8
- Sharon Brainard - Jan 10
- Patricia Tucker - Jan 12
- Bob Webb - Jan 14
- Beverly Davidson - Jan 15
- Sharon Miller - Jan 16
- Sally Baird - Jan 17
- Mary Cook - Jan 25
- Joan Sitnick - Jan 27
- Sigrid Whitaker - Jan 27



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1 year later, he moved to Oxford, England, where he lived for 3 years with his wife and daughter.

Art retired from the Air Force in 1969. He then became deputy sheriff in Red Bluff, CA. 1 year later, he left the sheriff's department and bought a friend's Mexican food distribution business. At this time, Art and his first wife divorced after 25 years. 3 years later, he met Judy, who he later married. The couple settled in Sacramento. Art's business grew and developed into 3 different food distribution companies. He sold the businesses and bought 10 acres in the mountains in Grizzly Flats, where he and Judy built a house and kept horses and sheep. After 13 years, Art and Judy moved to Rescue. One day, they drove by Ponté Palmero as it was being built and decided to move in.

Art and Judy moved to the Duets at Ponté in 2008. As Ponté grew, Judy and Art met lots of new friends. A year after moving in, they started Coffee and Donuts at Ponte Pete's, a weekly gathering held each Tuesday at 10 AM. One day when Judy was picking Art up at the food bank, she noticed there were donated flowers that were destined for the trash. She asked if she could take them to give to

residents at Ponté, starting a weekly tradition. After 13 years in the Duets, Judy passed away and Art relocated to the Villas. Each Thursday, Art and his helpers travel to the food bank to pick up flowers to bring to Ponté in honor of Judy.

## **Judy Patterson Started Our "Thursday Flower Day" Tradition**



## **Art Patterson With His Van Full of Flowers**



## PPRA Employee Appreciation Party





## Christmas Craft



## Ponté's Snow Village



## Christmas at Ponté



## Ukulele Club Christmas Sing-a-long



## Hot Cocoa & Cookies Gathering



## Poker Group



## Chair Exercise



## Just For Fun

How do you stay warm in the house in the winter?

Go to the corner; it's always 90 degrees!

Why do winter socks never like to make plans?

They're afraid of getting cold feet.

## Community Concert



## Christmas Wreath Craft



## Laugh Lines: Screen Time Snickers

National Technology Day on Jan. 6 celebrates the world's tech wonders. Browse these jokes about the computer age:

What's the best way to learn about computers? Bit by bit!

Why is a computer so smart? It listens to its motherboard.

What should you do when your Nintendo game ends in a tie? Ask for a Wii-match.

Signs of the 21st century:

- You haven't played Solitaire with real cards in years.
- You try to enter a password when using a microwave.
- You remember when everyone had diaries and got upset when someone read them. Now people post everything on Facebook and get mad when they don't!

Heard of "hypothermia?" It's trying to text in cold weather but making a lot of mistakes.

What kind of phone does an optometrist use? An eye-phone.

The new employee was let go from his job at the keyboard factory. The manager said he wasn't putting in enough shifts.

Why did the digital spy get fired? She couldn't hack it.

Spiders are the best when it comes to using the internet. They know all the good websites.

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## **"This Month In History"**

### **JANUARY**

**1892:** On New Year's Day, Ellis Island opens, and 17-year-old Annie Moore from Ireland is the first person to be processed through the new federal immigration station.

**1901:** In southeastern Texas, oil gushes from a drilling site, marking the birth of the modern oil industry.

**1915:** An act of Congress creates the U.S. Coast Guard.

**1920:** The Treaty of Versailles, the peace document that ended World War I, goes into effect.

**1932:** Hattie Caraway of Arkansas becomes the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

**1946:** The first of almost 78 million baby boomers are born.

**1959:** Alaska is admitted to the union as the 49th state. With more than 660,000 square miles, it is the largest U.S. state.

**1962:** Singer Tony Bennett records his signature song, "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."

**1977:** Millions tune in to watch the TV miniseries "Roots," based on Alex Haley's best-selling novel. The finale broke all previous ratings records.

**1985:** New York begins enforcing its mandatory seat belt law, the first in the nation.

**1997:** Madeleine Albright is sworn in as America's first female secretary of state.

**2001:** Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduces the company's new iTunes music software in response to what he called the "digital music revolution." The "jukebox" program would change the way people buy and consume media.

**2005:** Called a "superjumbo" jet, the Airbus 380 is unveiled in France. The world's largest commercial airliner, with room for up to 800 passengers, is now in service worldwide.

**2016:** "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" breaks box office records, becoming one of the highest-grossing installments in the film franchise.