



FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017

Memorial Service - Norm Hansen
5709 Cypress Ave., Carmichael, CA. 95608

Today, it is my honor to say a few words on behalf of the National Ski Patrol, Donner Ski Patrol, and for me personally about Norm Hansen. I first met Norm when I joined the Donner Ski Patrol in 2005. He had a big smile, big heart, and was the most approachable person you could ever meet. It didn't take long before you could tell Norm had been patrolling since the early days of NSP. He sure had a lot of stories to tell and he had so much experience to share and was an excellent all around patroller. Norm had been patrolling for 68 years. He joined in 1946, one year after the end of WW II and about 8 years after the start of the National Ski Patrol. Anybody remember 1946? In 1946 the cost of gas was 15 cents a gallon, and the average cost of a new home was \$5,600, and the average cost of a new car was \$1,120. A lot has changed since then, but some things are the same.

Of the things that are the same, are traits that each patroller seeks to achieve. I will list 10 character traits, and as I do, think about Norm and see if you agree with me that he exemplified all of these traits. Courage, Passion, Integrity, Honesty, Confidence, Patience, Selflessness, Caring, Humility, and Supportive.

The ski patrol is our extended family. Patrollers put in countless hours volunteering by providing first aid to the ski/snowboard enthusiasts and sometimes we save lives, and sometimes we find those that have lost their way. Norm has set the bar high for all his contributions to the National Ski Patrol and the Donner Ski Patrol. Norm, you have successfully completed your final sweep and you will be missed. As General MacArthur once famously said, "Old soldiers never die, They simply fade away." I think the same goes for ski patrollers too. We fade away, but we are never forgotten.

Farewell Norm –

Evan W. Todd
Donner Ski Patrol – Patrol Representative



Ski Patrol Profile: Norm Hansen

Joined NSP: 1/1/1946, Retired 2014 (68 years of patrolling)

Nat'l No. 5481

DSR call sign 563

NSP number: 142091

OEC instructor 1952 to 2014

Senior Patroller

Helped with OEC class from 1991 to 2014.

Training received:

Avalanche

Mountain Travel and Rescue

Skiing Enhancement

Snowsports Enhancement

Awards:

Received his 50+ year award in 1996

Distinguished service award (4/23/2001)

The Distinguished Service Award may be given to individuals who have performed extraordinary service to the National Ski Patrol and the skiing public over a long period of time (minimum of 20 years). This is distinguished by exceptional devotion to duty and outstanding performance.