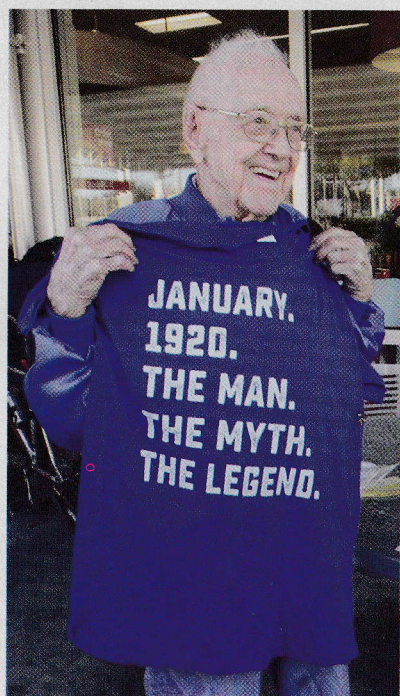




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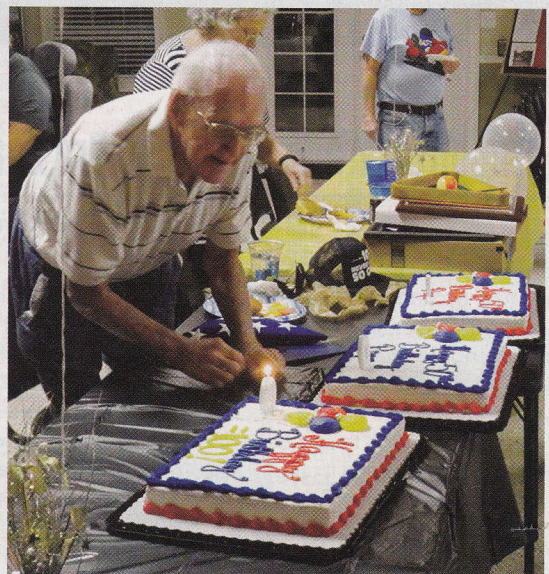
Gold Winger Jim Jackson celebrates 100

By Curtis and Kim Palmore

Jim “Pop” Jackson of Chapter FL1-M in Clearwater, Florida, celebrated his 100th birthday Jan. 18, 2020. Just that fact alone is amazing, but even more astonishing, Pop (as we affectionately call him) still rides! He is an avid Chapter FL1-M participant, riding his 1991 Gold Wing with a Velorex sidecar on most of our rides. Pop has been a GWRRA Member since 1993 and has ridden his Gold Wing through all 48 continental U.S. states and seven of Canada’s provinces.

When we asked Pop what he wanted to do for his 100th birthday, he unhesitatingly said that he wanted a chapter ride to his favorite restaurant, Madison’s, in Port Richey. Glenn Duncan, FL1-M’s Ride Coordinator, planned and led a back roads ride that took us 100 miles for Jim’s 100th birthday. Thirty-three people on





21 bikes turned out for the birthday ride!

In addition, a surprise party was held for Jim that evening at his neighborhood clubhouse, put on by the guys he plays pool with, whom, by the way, he regularly beats the pants off! Family members from Texas and Pennsylvania, along with Pop's FL1-M friends, were present to celebrate this very special event!

When asked what his secret to longevity is, Pop said, "Just keep having birthdays!" Obviously staying as active as Pop does is another key to attaining 100 years. Because if motorcycling and excelling at pool weren't enough to make Jim Jackson an out-standing

centenarian, he is also a skilled woodworker, crafting beautifully finished pieces, many of which he designs himself. And as a World War II Navy veteran, he was selected in September 2017 for the Honor Flight program, which flies veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials.

Congratulations, Pop! Your Chapter FL1-M family is proud of you. We love you and wish you the pleasure of continued good health, fun and safe riding!

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