



WE HONOR VETERANS

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veteran Affairs created We Honor Veterans to empower hospice and other healthcare providers across America to meet the unique needs of seriously ill Veterans and their families.

There are several ways We Honor Veterans partners help enhance the care Veterans receive while facing a serious illness.



Understand the unique needs of Veterans and their families

By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's Veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, healthcare providers are able to accompany and guide these men and woman towards a more peaceful ending. For Veterans who experienced combat service or other trauma, this can be particularly important as experiences from the past may resurface during a serious illness.

Educate their staff and communities about caring for Veterans facing serious illness

Partner organizations assess their ability to serve Veterans and, using resources provided as part of the program, integrate best practices for providing quality care to Veterans into their organization. Activities range from utilizing a military history checklist at admission, recognition events like pinning ceremonies and certificate presentations, to outreach to other community organizations.



Coordinate care with VA and other healthcare organizations

The We Honor Veterans program helps healthcare providers work more effectively with VA medical facilities in their communities through partnerships. These coalitions of Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, community hospices, State Hospice Organizations, and others working together to ensure that excellent care is available for our nation's Veterans and their families.

Provide Veteran-to-Veteran volunteer programs

Volunteers are essential to the delivery of quality care. Veterans are part of a distinct culture with their own common language and experience. When Veterans interact, their common language and experience can form a strong relational bond. The camaraderie created between Veterans has proven to be supportive for all involved.



Commit to providing the best quality health care

We Honor Veterans, originally designed for hospice providers, is pleased to extend its partner opportunities to other community-based health care organizations providing direct care for seriously ill Veterans and their families. WHV community partners may include funeral homes, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, home health agencies and other providers that understand the importance of serving Veterans based on their preferences for care and services.