Home Health & Hospice Care

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We Honor Veterans (WHV) is a program developed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to prepare hospice and healthcare providers to meet the unique needs of veterans at life's end. Our veterans made many sacrifices and often experienced physical injury and psychological trauma in the course of protecting our freedom. The WHV program provides education to raise awareness of the varied experiences and challenges veterans have faced, and best practices to support these heroes and their families. The core elements of the program focus on expressing grateful acknowledgement of military service, facilitating access to VA benefits and providing quality care for military-related conditions.

Home Health & Hospice Care (HHHC) is proud to be a WHV partner with the NHPCO and the VA. Our clinical staff seeks to understand each veteran's physical, emotional and spiritual needs and offer resources and services to enhance comfort and peace at end-of-life. HHHC volunteers are a significant and important part of the program: veteran volunteers—who have the unique ability to relate and connect with veteran patients— and non-veteran volunteers— who have expressed interest in serving our veteran patients. Depending on the patient's wishes, volunteers provide companionship and may make helpful contacts, document life stories and participate in recognition ceremonies.

The goal of the recognition ceremony is to provide a meaningful celebration of a veteran's unique life and contributions. Recognition may be presented virtually or in person. It is planned with the assistance of one of our WHV coordinators and may be as large or small, inclusive or intimate as a patient and family wish. A veteran volunteer acknowledges the veteran honoree's military service, and a WHV pin is presented to symbolize unwavering appreciation for protecting our freedom.



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