



Veterans Volunteer for Comrades

Visiting Nurse Hospice's We Honor Veterans Program

"We talked about our military background and where we have been. It's an instant connection with mutual respect."

~A veteran who visits hospice patients



WE HONOR VETERANS

Visiting Nurse Hospice is proud to provide We Honor Veterans, a program for veteran patients. It

- Honors veterans with a beautiful pinning ceremony.
- Assists veterans in receiving financial and other benefits.
- Enables hospice clinicians to care for veterans' unique medical needs.
- Encourages veteran-to-veteran friendships.

Veterans share a unique bond. And it's this bond that improves veterans' hospice experiences and oftentimes enables veterans to work through concerns. Regrets, grief, and even accomplishments can get buried in the wake of duty, and many service members need to talk about these feelings—especially as death approaches.

Are you a veteran who would be willing to be a friend to a comrade? You don't need special skills, just a listening ear and a caring heart.

Volunteering with our program can be a truly rewarding experience and one that is appreciated by so many!



Details

As a volunteer, you may first meet a patient at a pinning ceremony where we honor the veteran's service and sacrifices. If you would like to continue the relationship, you would visit the patient and sit with him or her while the family runs errands or cares for other needs. You would not need to provide any personal care; instead, you might make a sandwich for the patient, watch TV, or converse. You would simply be a friend.

You can volunteer as often or as sporadically as you like, and Visiting Nurse Hospice would train you. Training covers the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of death and dying, as well as the responsibilities of caring for patients and families.

Learn More

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