INTRODUCTION
We Honor Veterans (WHV) is a national program in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs with a simple goal - to care for and honor those who have served when they reach the end of life. By recognizing the unique needs of America’s Veterans and their families, community providers in partnership with VA staff learn how to accompany and guide them through their life stories toward a more peaceful ending. Now entering its 10th year, NHPCO proudly looks back on the pinning ceremonies, community education events, Vet-to-Vet Volunteers, and stories shared by our 5,460 hospice and community-based health-care partners from across the nation.

HIGHLIGHTS
Resources created for free on-demand viewing include:

- Moral Injury in Vietnam Veterans Webinar with WHV Team and Department of Veteran Affairs
- Hospice Veteran Partnership (HVP) 101 Webinar with WHV Team, VA Staff and Community Hospice Partner
- Level 5 Overview Video, Webinar and Toolkit with WHV Team
- No Veteran Dies Alone “Introduction to Hospice and Palliative Care” with PsychArmor
- No Veteran Dies Alone “Concepts of Death, Dying and Grief”, with PsychArmor

Perhaps the greatest highlight over the past year was the beginning of a new era in care for Vietnam-era Veterans - thank you to the hospice partners, Vietnam Veterans, their families and caregivers who participated in the Vietnam Veterans focus groups and brought a voice to the specific needs that are unintentionally yet often overlooked. These conversations will shape protocols to guide end-of-life care for Vietnam Veterans and provide a better understanding of their mindset as they enter hospice care. By identifying meaningful experiences and other needs, WHV will enter the next phase of implementation of protocols and dissemination of training expertise on PTSD, Moral Injury, and Suicide Prevention on a national scale.
Partners

4,120 Hospice Partners

118 State-wide and Community-based Hospice-Veteran Partnerships

1,340 Community-based Health Care Partners

14.2% Increase in Level 3 & 4 Partners Over the Last Year

Self-reported Hospice Partner Data

38,090 Staff Training Participants
(often duplicate staff)

42,004 Community Outreach Training Participants
(venues include churches, homeless shelters, assisted living facilities, etc.)

Level 4 Accomplishments

146 Hospice Partners Earned Their Level 4 Star in 2019

- 717 Vet-to-Vet Volunteers
- 20,023 Veterans Served During Military History Checklist Evaluation
- 28% of Veteran Patients Enrolled in VA
- 19% of Veteran Patients Receive VA Benefits

Breakdown of Veterans Served

- 28% WWII
- 25% Korea
- 3% Cold War
- 21% Vietnam
- 1% Gulf War
- 12% Peace Time
- >1% Afghanistan/Iraq (OEF/OIF)
- 10% Other/Unknown

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