

WE HONOR VETERANS 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

We Honor Veterans 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 8th year, the program has grown to include the commitment of over 4,500 hospice and community-based healthcare partners as well as 99 Hospice-Veteran Partnerships. Continue reading for highlights from the last year.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Partner engagement activities included a [quarterly newsletter](#) and the latest news on Twitter [@WeHonorVeterans](#). Quarterly networking calls continued for partners to brainstorm and hear from guest speakers including PsychArmor, Quilts of Valor, VA Office of Survivors Assistance, StoryCorps, and Honor Flight as well as continued updates and guidance from Dr. Scott Shreve, National Director, Hospice and Palliative Care with The Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Resources available at no cost to partners and VA staff included the [No Veteran Dies Alone Volunteer Trainer Resource Manual](#), the updated [End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium \(ELNEC\) - For Veterans](#) Curriculum, and HFA's Improving Care for Veterans.
- Guided partners to access VA resources they might not be aware of for staff education, such as Education in Palliative End-of-life Care (EPEC) Modules on the [VHA TRAIN](#) website, mobile apps for providers to quickly access information, and fact sheets for outreach and to improve transition across settings.
- Offered resources to help partners implement a [Veteran-to-Veteran](#) volunteer program. Veteran volunteers and patients are able to connect over a shared military background and experience. This distinctive connection and honorable bond has allowed many patients to open up about their life and heal emotional wounds caused during their time in service to the country. Volunteer Spotlight on Colonel Pat Thompson, Sutter Care – [Summer Newsletter](#).
- The evening of September 19th was an opportunity for partners to come together at NHPCO's Interdisciplinary Conference in San Diego. A special appreciation event was held to celebrate individuals, partners, VA staff, and organizations that join forces to provide quality care and discuss the impact that these coalitions have on Veterans, family members, and the communities they serve.
- To expand activities for partners who have completed Level 4 and extended their efforts to serve beyond what was required of them, a pilot group of 20 Level 5 hospice partners will serve not only as regional mentors but will help ensure the program continues to evolve.

PARTNERS

3,350

Hospice Partners



99

State-wide and
Community-based Hospice-
Veteran Partnerships

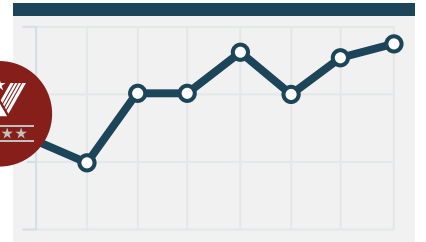
1,196

Community-based
Healthcare Partners



14%

Increase in Level
3 & 4 Partners
Over the Last Year

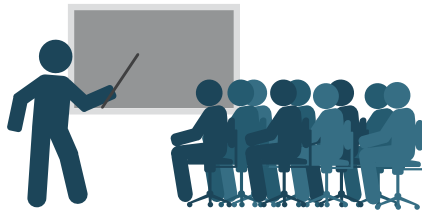


SELF-REPORTED HOSPICE PARTNER DATA

27,149

Staff Training
Participants

(often duplicate staff)



26,951

Community Outreach
Training Participants

*(venues include churches, homeless
shelters, assisted living facilities, etc.)*

LEVEL 4 PARTNER ACCOMPLISHMENTS



542

Vet-to-Vet
Volunteers



6,541

Veterans Served
During Military History
Checklist Evaluation



1,697

Veterans
Enrolled in VA

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