



WE HONOR VETERANS

BEST PRACTICES (FROM PARTNER NETWORKING CALL 6/21/11)

Organization	Location	Best Practices
Ambercare Hospice, Inc.	Albuquerque, NM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran and active duty volunteers perform the pinning ceremony • Families of Veterans were also pinned. (Emphasis on the fact that all Veterans deserve recognition, even if they are not on your census.) • Shadow boxes distributed to Veterans
Bristol Hospice	Murray, UT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization identified coming together as a main key to success for their We Honor Veterans Partnership. • Flags given to Veterans on Memorial Day • WHV banners created to show support
Casa De La Luz	Tucson, AZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran Recognition Ceremony: Framed certificate and blanket with military insignia sewn on • Cared for a homeless Veteran <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reunited the Veteran with his family ○ Provided travel assistance for Veteran and out-of-state relatives • On Memorial Day, 100 red poppies were distributed to nurses to wear on their visits to Veterans
Community Hospice of Tuscarawas County, Inc	Carrollton, OH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Call/Gun Volley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spent shells given to Veteran ○ Note: Be in contact with local police before discharging firearms • Bagpipes ceremony
Community Nurses, Inc.	Saint Mary's, PA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinning Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ American flag pins ○ Personal pinning for those who could not arrive in person ○ YouTube video of 3rd graders singing to honor Veterans
Covenant Hospice, Inc.	Pensacola, FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaching out to active duty and Veterans for support and volunteer services • Soliciting for funding by asking for donations that will fund Veterans-specific activities

Georgia Hospice and Palliative Care	Atlanta, GA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formed a statewide WHV initiative meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All hospices were involved to push forward at the regional level ○ 35 representatives were in attendance
Heart n' Home Hospice and Palliative Care	Boise, ID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans are presented with Veteran acknowledgement card that's signed by all staff members
Hope Healthcare Services	Fort Myers, FL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinning Ceremony • Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scripted Ceremony ○ Presenting Camo buddy bear ○ Handmade quilts ○ Honor Guard ceremony ○ Recitation of oath taken when joining military • Valor Program: Brochures distributed providing descriptions of services offered to Veterans • Veteran History Project: Recording of video of Veteran's war experiences, which is archived and given to family members
Lake Superior Hospice	Marquette, WI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordered a flag to display outside of hospice facility • Pinning ceremony • Legacy Work: Recording Veteran's experiences/stories to allow for archiving • Pinning ceremony for Volunteer Veterans
Legacy Health System	Portland, OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon learning that a Vietnam Veteran had never been granted U.S. citizenship, the hospice acquired citizenship for the Veteran before he passed away
Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Association	Lincoln, NE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped bring the Mobile Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall to the community • Pins and certificates distributed to Veterans visiting wall
Vitas Hospice	Milwaukee, WI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinning Ceremony • Over 2,000 flags placed on graves • Honor Flight (includes hospice patients) • "Spirit of '45" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognizing WWII generation through their cultural tastes (music and social functions)