



WE HONOR VETERANS

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Hospice of Southwest Iowa is dedicated to providing superior end-of-life care to all Veterans. All staff members are specifically trained to meet the unique needs of each Veteran and education training is regularly attended through our VA /Hospice Partnership.

Hospice of Southwest Iowa strives to honor each Veteran at every opportunity. All Veterans receiving hospice services have the opportunity to be recognized through a “pinning ceremony”, which includes a branch specific certificate, VA/Hospice Partnership pin, a patriot memorabilia item, and refreshments. All available staff members attend this ceremony and each Veteran is encouraged to invite friends and family.

Additionally, Hospice of Southwest Iowa has implemented a Vet-to-Vet Volunteer Program. This program allows Veteran patients to be paired with a volunteer who may have a better understanding of what

the Veteran has experienced. Each Veteran is offered a Veteran Volunteer at admission. Veteran Volunteers may assist with:

- Providing companionship to Veteran patients.
 - Playing card/board games
 - Conversation
 - Life Review
 - Letter writing
 - Light housekeeping
 - And much more!
- Providing caregivers with a much needed break.
- Participating in Veteran pinning ceremonies

**Please note, Veteran Volunteers are not able to perform any hands-on care.*

Please contact Erika Sayles at 712-352-1389 for more information.

“One of our veterans on service spoke of how he was never welcomed home after the Vietnam War. During our pinning ceremony to honor him, his military family present, we “welcomed him home” with a celebration. Crying he said...“I started out this day with nothing, but now I have everything.”

- Erika Sayles, Volunteer Coordinator
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