



WE HONOR VETERANS

Honor Guard Script

*Hope Hospice
Fort Myers, FL*

LEADER: *HONOR GUARD* Attention.

LEADER: “We are members of the Honor Guard for Hope Hospice. The Honor Guard is made up of volunteers who are Veterans and non-Veterans. Today we are here to pay tribute to you (Vets name) for your service to our country.”

LEADER: “(name of presenter) has a letter and certificate for you from Hope Hospice that (he/she) will read and present to you.”

PRESENTER: Reads letter then certificate. Shows certificate around the room.

“(Vets name) we present this letter and certificate to express our gratitude and appreciation to you for your military service.”

Presents letter and certificate.

LEADER: “(presenter’s name) has an American Flag pin to present to you.”

PRESENTER: “The American flag represents the United States of America which all military personnel serve to protect. Ever since George Washington crossed the Delaware River during the American Revolutionary War, the flag has led our men and women into battle. At Gettysburg, thirteen men lost their lives bearing the flag. Each time a man was shot another would grab the flag knowing full well that it was like painting a target on his chest. The most famous picture taken during WWII, the raising of the American flag at Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, showed

the world the determination and tenacity of our troops. Keeping in mind all that our flag means to us, it is our honor to present you with this American Flag lapel pin. May I pin it on you?”
Places pin on Veteran’s lapel.

LEADER: “(presenter’s name) has a bear to present to you.”

PRESENTER: “During your military service you knew you had a buddy by your side and someone watching your back. Any man or woman who has ever worn our uniform understood what





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enabled them to do what is required in order to complete their mission. The military can provide all of the sophisticated equipment it has but it is rendered useless without you and the person standing next to you, your buddy, your friend. A volunteer at Hope Hospice made this bear specifically for you, as a reminder that you will always have a buddy at your side and your friends at Hope Hospice at your back.”

Presents bear.

LEADER: “(name of presenter) has a quilt for you.”

PRESENTER: “Volunteers at Hope made this patriotic quilt just for you. When you use this quilt remember that your caregivers at Hope Hospice honor you for your service to our country and are here to comfort you.”

Presents quilt.

LEADER: “Your service to our country began with the oath that you swore. We would like to remember that oath:”

I (Vets name) do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

(Read only if the Veteran was in the National Guard)

I (Vets name) do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of (name state) against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of (name state) and the officers appointed over me, according to law and regulations So help me God.

“When you took that oath you agreed to go anywhere you were asked and do whatever you were asked. You signed a blank check payable to your country for your service or your life. You endured many hardships and were willing to put your life on the line to preserve the freedom of everyone in our great nation. (Vets name) thank you for your service. The greatest tribute that one Veteran can give to another is a hand salute and so we salute you.”

Attention.

Hand salute.

Order arms

At ease