

# ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT

News and Updates from Infinity  
Hospice Care Volunteers

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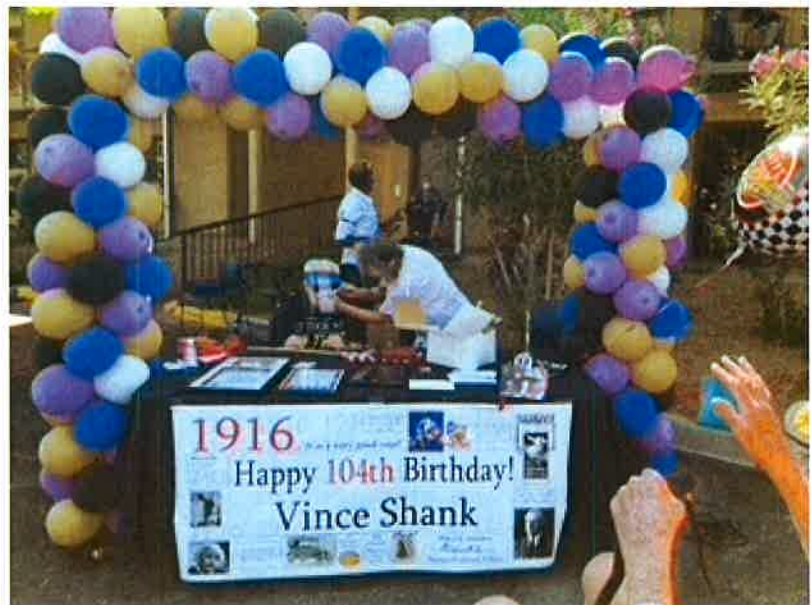
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Celebrating the birthday of Vincent Shank.. Vince also had a We Honor Veterans ceremony for his time in the Air Corps.

## Best Moments from Level 5

**Vet to Vet Café**

Total number – 6

Homestead –

Prior to the pandemic, we held our last in person vet to vet café. Included 2 veteran volunteers, and 10 veterans! The theme beer and cookies – these vets love taking the time to meet with each other and continue their discussion left from the last café. They met a new resident who shared his stories and time in the Army.

Virtual vet to vet café where the vets got to chat with others using their smartphones. This event was held on Zoom with staff present in each of their rooms to assist with technology. Outside Café with car parade, VFW Chapter members, Patriot Guard Riders, Blue Star Moms participated in sharing their military experiences with the residents.

Legacies –

This was the first café since the pandemic. This café was a mixture of online and in person. We had family, friends, residents at the memory care, staff all join in to hear stories from not only the residents but the families as well. Total in attendance 30 people, and 20 on Zoom. This was an amazing café with everyone sharing their time in the military and how things differentiated from then to now.

The second vet to vet café was in the middle of the year where we had a special car parade outside and vets got to dance with Saxophone player Martin Mancusso. The vets share their favorite songs danced in their chairs after sharing their favorite memories of being in the military.

Esechlon Community

While celebrating and honoring 104 year old WWII Veteran everyone stayed to share their memories of WWII Vet. This included how three POWs including the 104 year old, were all in the same troop and met up years later in Las Vegas. Members in attendance – Purple Heart Chapter, VFW Chapter, All local news stations, American Legion, Ms. Senior Nevada, all the car club veterans.

## Favorite Memories

**07/17/20** We Honor Veterans Ceremony at Legacies Memory Care. Residents at the Legacy memory care were honored for their time in the military. Family members received a link and joined via zoom. Following the ceremony, residents were provided with treats.

**08/22/20** Car Parade at the Veterans Home at Boulder City. Residents at the Veterans Home in Boulder City were sitting outside while watching a car parade by the community.

**09/23/20** 104th Birthday Party for Vincent Shank. The residents at Echelon senior living enjoyed a drive by car parade by the community. After the car parade, there was a We Honor Veterans Ceremony honoring Vincent for his time in the Air Corps. After the We Honor Veterans Ceremony residents at Echelon senior living enjoyed entertainment such as a man on stilts, Mrs. Senior Nevada, dean martin impersonator, and live music.

**09/29/20** HVP Car Parade and We Honor Veterans Ceremony for Veterans of Foreign Wars day at the Homestead in Boulder City. Residents enjoyed a car parade and an outstanding color guard presentation with the Patriot Guard Riders. Following the presentation and car parade, residents enjoyed treats as they watched the We Honor Veterans Ceremony for the Veteran resident patients and Staff.

**10/23/20** IPU We Honor Veterans Ceremony. A deaf patient who had been separated from his wife for two months due to the coronavirus pandemic. As they were reunited in the In-patient unit at Infinity Hospice Care Las Vegas, the Staff found out that the patient was a Veteran. Even though both he and his wife were deaf, the We Honor Veterans team came together for a solution. During the ceremony, an app was used for American Sign Language Interpreter. As the ceremony went on, the connection went out, and the team did not give up. The team proceeded to present the patient with the certificate, a part of the American flag, pins, and presented the spouse flowers and a poem.

**11/12/20** Drive by Car Parade at Legacies Memory Care The residents at Legacy's Memory Care enjoyed a car parade by the community. While watching the car parade they had entertainment from a saxophonist. After the car parade, there was We Honor Veterans Ceremony for the residents and received We Honor Veterans' certificates, poems, a part of the American flag, Infinity Hospice Care Lantern, and a salute to our Veteran's pin.

**11/19/20** IPU Ceremony A Veteran Patient was in isolation in the in-patient facility due to his covid-19 diagnosis. The Infinity Hospice Care We Honor Veterans team joined together for a solution. The Infinity Hospice Care staff placed an iPad in the room so the family could see the patient during the ceremony. The Infinity Hospice Care We Honor Veterans Team presented the family with We Honor Veterans' certificates, poems, a part of the American flag, Infinity Hospice Care Lantern, and a salute to our Veteran's pin.

**12/03/20** Virtual We Honor Veterans Ceremony Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, a patient who resided in the Veterans home, had been separated from his family. The daughter wasn't able to fly out to Las Vegas to see her father one last time. The Infinity Hospice Care, We Honor Veterans team, got together and created a virtual We Honor Veterans presentation for the daughter after his passing so they could be connected one last time. Following the ceremony, the daughter received the items via mail.

**12/16/20** IPU Ceremony- A patient had passed in the Infinity Hospice Care In-Patient Unit. The family was having a very difficult time, and the Staff learned that the patient was a veteran. The Infinity Hospice Care, We Honor Veterans Team, had got everything ready for a ceremony within minutes. After getting everything ready, the We Honor Veterans Team proceeded to meet with the family in the parking lot and presented them with a We Honor Veterans Certificate, poems, a part of the American flag, Infinity Hospice Care Lantern, and a salute to our Veteran's pin.

**12/23/20** - Every Veteran Patient at Infinity Hospice Care Las Vegas had received a donated Christmas gift from the community, which included PJs, socks, blanket, robe, thank you for service ornament, and a special made Veteran stocking.

**12/22/20** Infinity Hospice Care donated blankets, new robes, fuzzy socks, slippers, and Christmas Cards to the Veterans Home in Boulder City.

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Veterans by the Numbers

IN 2020

1,325



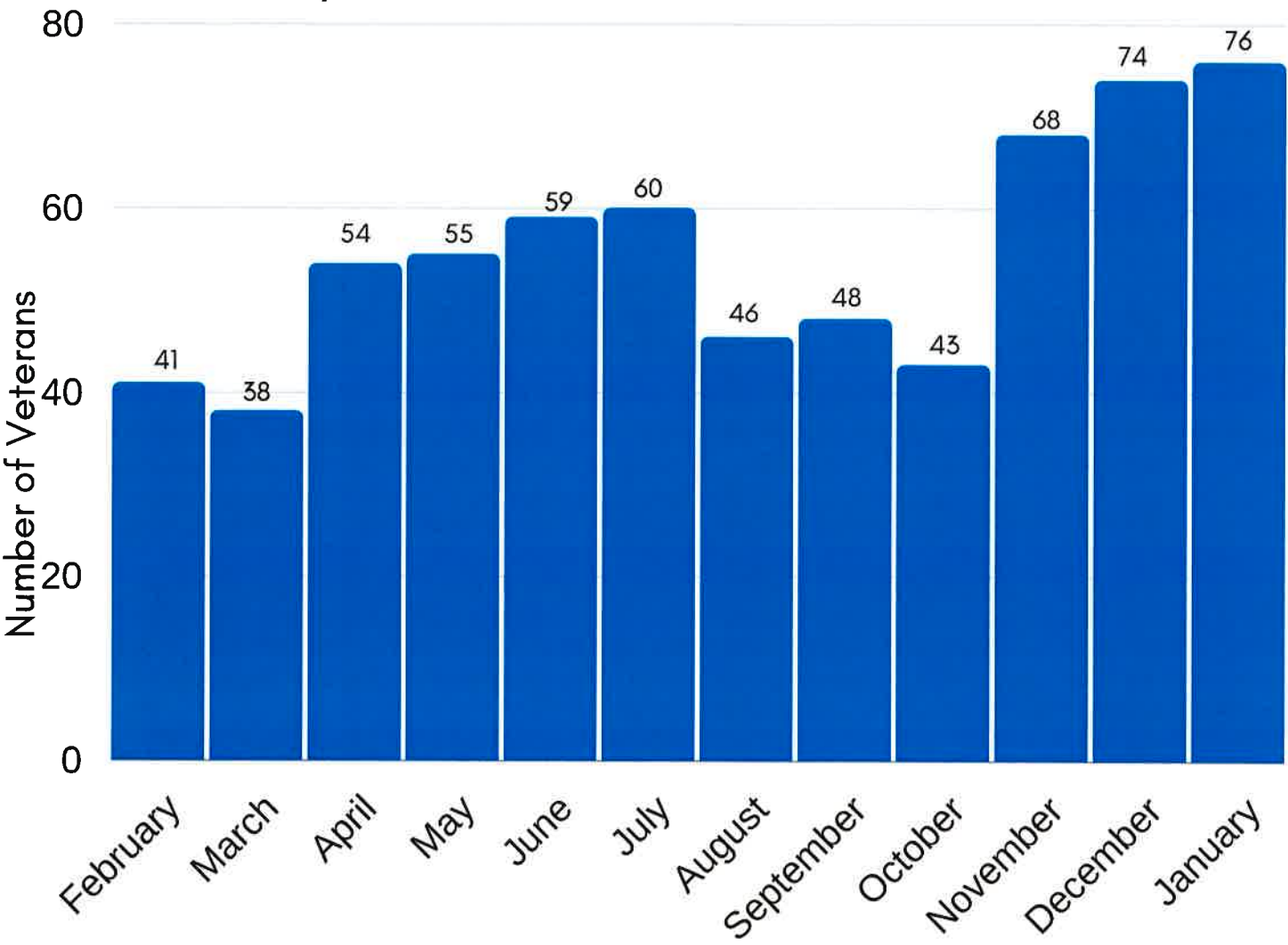
Patients Across Las Vegas, Pahrump, and the In Patient Unit

662



of Which are Veterans

Monthly Breakdown of Veterans Under Our Service

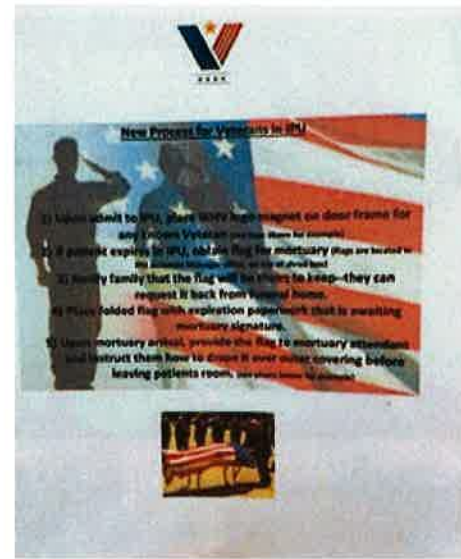




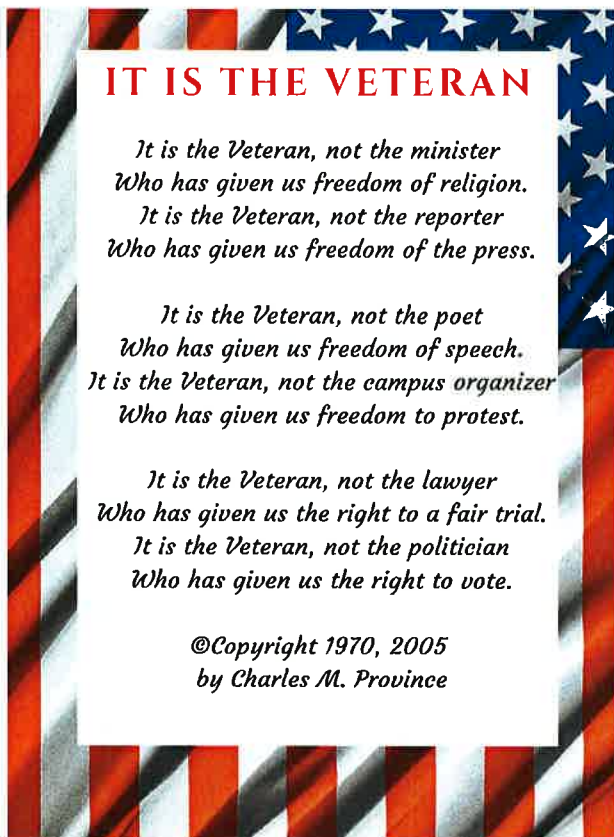
## Photos from Throughout the Year



Front Entrance of our Administrative Building

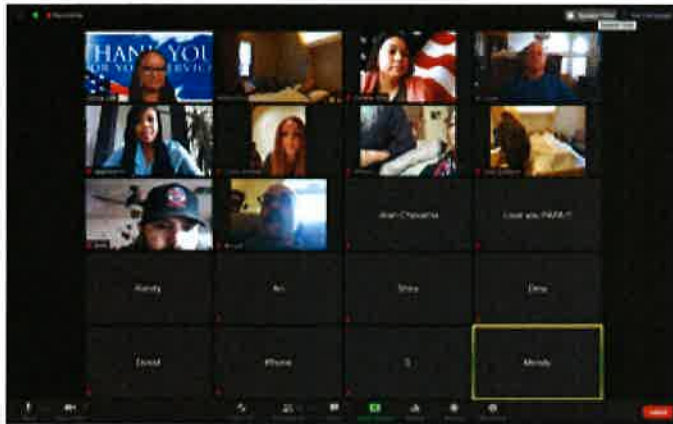


A sign in the IPU informing nurses of the new process of veterans



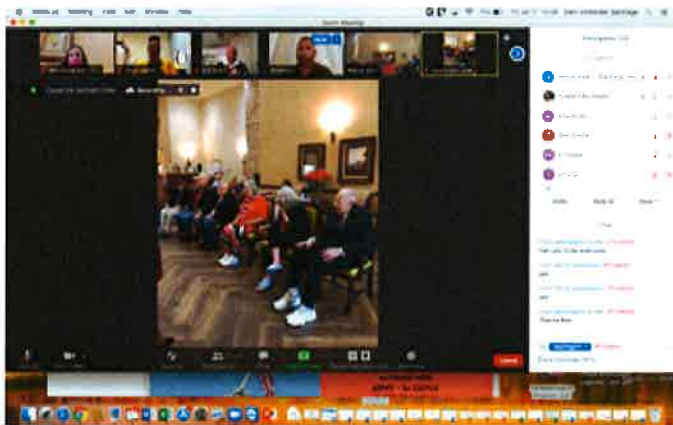
Poems that are given to veterans and their families

# Virtual Ceremonies

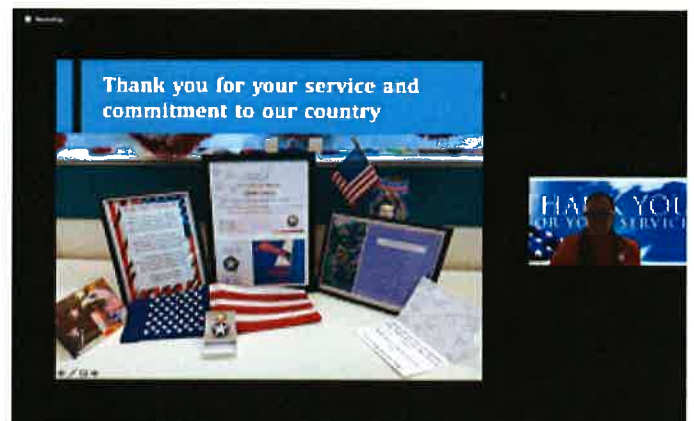
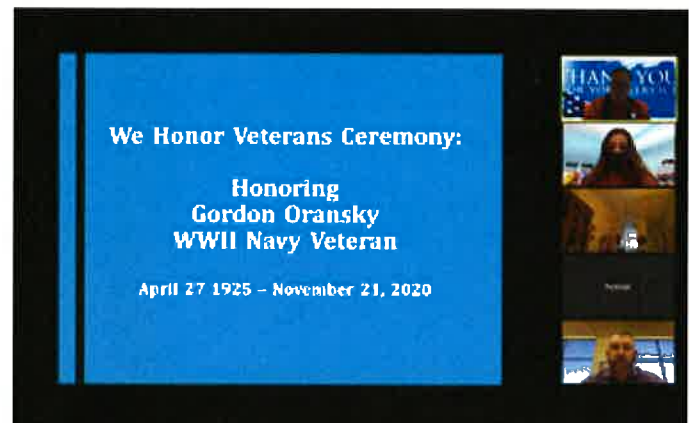


Due to the pandemic, we had to opt for virtual ceremonies via Zoom, to keep us and our patients that much safer.

Pictured on the left, a few screenshots taking a glimpse into the virtual ceremonies.



This set of pictures is the after death ceremony of Gordon Oransky.





## Honoring the National Guard



The National Guard stopped by to deliver much needed PPE for our front line staff. We could not let them leave without honoring them.

# Welcome Home Ceremony



Welcome Home  
Ceremony - Honoring the  
Homestead Assisted  
Living Facility Vietnam  
War Veterans





# Vincent Shank

One favorite memory is the celebration of Vincent Shank. Vince turned 104 years old. We also did a ceremony for his service in the Air Corps. Below is a man on stilts which is one of the many entertainments provided during this birthday party/ceremony/drive-by car parade. Our veteran volunteer honored him – and he was reunited with a fellow POW.





## Honoring Veterans During the Pandemic





# Community Recognition

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Those who work with hospice patients said these gestures mean more than anyone could know.

Nikkie Ellis, who is the Director of Community Engagement at Infinity Hospice Care, said isolation due to the pandemic can be incredibly difficult.

"Video chats are great, but being able to just hold their hand or just to sit in the room with them is important," Ellis said. "But that blanket is going to give them warmth. That blanket is going to remind them that, my family can't be here right now, but it's just, it's a security thing."

Amber and Aiyana are dropping off their donations at Infinity Hospice Care on Friday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m.

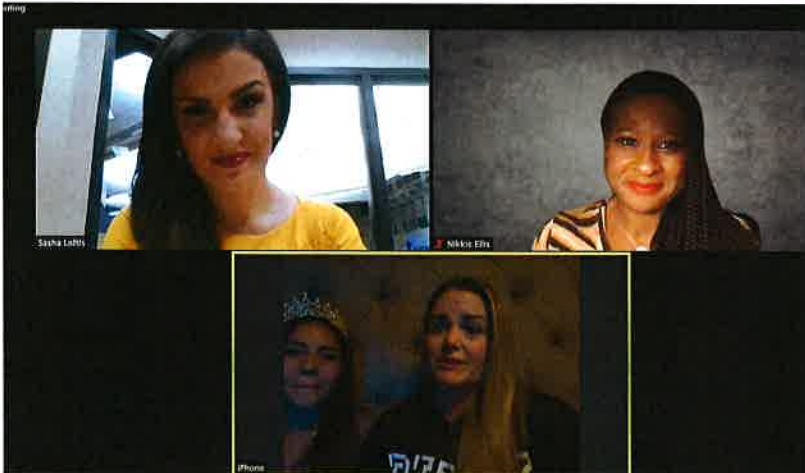
They still need twin sized sheet sets to keep patients warm and comfortable. Ellis also said handwritten cards and fuzzy socks also make them smile.

If you'd like to help, you can call Infinity Hospice Care at 702-880-7002 or drop off items in person at 6330 S. Jones Boulevard.



## Mother, daughter collect gifts for hospice patients ahead of Christmas

Due to virus restrictions, patients can't interact with volunteers or family members as they normally would, so Amber Garcia and Aiyana...







LAS VEGAS (KLAS) — A local mother and daughter organized a special donation drive Friday to help those in hospice care just in time for Christmas.

After weeks of working around the clock, Amber Garcia and her daughter Aiyana Castro made a miracle happen, gathering hundreds of gifts for the patients at Infinity Care Hospice.

"It took a village," Garcia said. "And the Vegas community really came through."

They organized a donation event, delivering things like blankets, pajamas, fuzzy socks and handwritten cards.

"We just reached out to all of our networks of friends," Garcia added. "And this is what happened."

Infinity Hospice Care Director of Community Engagement Nikkie Ellis told 8 News Now all of the facility's 170 patients can expect gifts under the tree for the first time in six years. "This is the first time since I've been in this company, Ellis explained. "That every single patient will walk away with something."





2020 has been tough for everyone, but Ellis said this gesture has the power to turn things around. "Whatever they went through back in the past," Ellis said of the patients at Infinity Hospice. "They can leave that all behind them and they can see all the wonderfulness that is up ahead."

The community may not be able to show its appreciation up close, but this tribute means so much more.

"We want them to feel the happiness and warmth," Garcia said of the hospice patients.

No matter how much sadness they've felt, every single person treated through Infinity Hospice Care will leave this earth knowing they are loved.

"We care about them," Garcia concluded. "That they are not alone."

Thanks to Amber and Aiyana, every single patient at Infinity Hospice Care will receive a blanket, pajamas, socks, slippers, DVDs, books and so much more.

Volunteers will wrap the gifts and deliver them to the patients in time for Christmas.

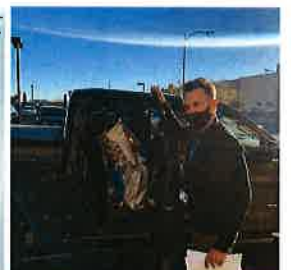


### **Only On 8: Local mother & daughter organize Christmas donation drive for hospice patients**

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# Christmas Deliveries



## What is included in our Home and IPU Ceremonies?

### During a Welcome Home

Ceremony/Certificate presentation for a patient in the In Patient Unit - The patient is presented with a Welcome Home Sign, along with the branch specific flag that is hung in their room with a magnet that is placed on door frame of the patient's room so all staff are aware that a veteran is present on the unit.

Sample picture of the magnet that is placed on the door frame of the patients room in our InPatient Unit. We continue to use the magnets to identify

All Veteran Patients receive the following whether they want a something as big as a ceremony or a little as just a certificate brought to them by a nurse (a framed certificate, a star that was once apart of the American Flag, WHV Pin, or Honored Veteran Pin, a card signed by their hospice team, a framed poem, and a Welcome Home Sign

