



Partner Networking Call

Winter 2025

February 2025

Agenda

- Welcome (Alliance team) 3:00-3:05 p.m.
- Best Practices for Veteran Volunteers (Stacy Groff, MNM, VP Care and Connections and Terry Purcell, Veteran Volunteer, Empath Health, FL) 3:05- 3:30 p.m.
- Gerald's Law (Madison Summers)3:30 3:40 p.m.
- Open Discussion and Closing (Alliance team) 3:40-4:00 p.m.

Q&A to follow today's agenda



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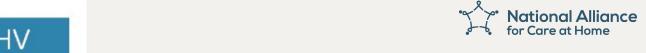


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We Honor Veterans Features for Partners

- 1. Partner Portal WHV's portal for partner report submissions
- 2. Resource Library access hundreds of resources on Veteran-centric end of life care
- 3. Earn Your Stars review required activities for each WHV level
- 4. Events Calendar stay up to date on upcoming events
- 5. HVP Roster locate & get involved with your local HVP
- 6. Level 5 Mentors receive guidance and support from one of our Level 5 mentors
- 7. Veteran Benefits review benefit information to better serve your patients
- 8. Blog read about partner highlights and exciting WHV news
- 9. Newsletter receive the latest WHV updates and stories
- 10. Working for Veterans familiarize yourself with the diversity within the Veteran community







With only 5% of Veteran deaths occurring in Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facilities and over 60% of Veterans relying on home hospice care, WHV plays a critical role in equipping hospice providers to understand and support the unique needs of Veterans.

As hospice partners progress through the five WHV levels, providers complete specific activities and integrate practical resources to progressively increase their capacity to provide high quality end-of-life care to Veteran patients.

Level 1 Breakdown

Organization Education

☐ Conduct three Veteran-specific presentations for organization staff & volunteers

Community Engagement

☐ Review Hospice-Veteran Partnership Toolkit

Policies & Procedures

☐ Review the Military
History Checklist
☐ Begin integration of
Military History
Checklist into intake
procedures
☐ Identify Key VA

Contact

Level 2 Breakdown

Organization Education

- ☐ Conduct three Veteran-specific presentations for organization staff & volunteers
- ☐ Integrate Veteran-specific content into staff and volunteer orientation

Ouestions?

Community Engagement

- ☐ Conduct two Veteran-Centric Outreach Presentations
- ☐ Stay active with your Hospice-Veteran Partnership

Policies & Procedures

- ☐ Integrate the
 Military History
 Checklist into intake
 process
 ☐ Review Standards
- ☐ Review Standards of Practice

WHV Level Overview One-Pager



Connect with a Level 5 mentor via the Partner Portal. To find a list of our mentors, please login to the Partner Portal and navigate to "Mentors for You" on the lefthand side.



Vet to Vet Volunteer Best Practices



This is the "Why"









Vet to Vet Ideas

- Veteran Pinnings
- Community Pinnings
- Life Review/Socialization
- Veterans History Project
- Community Coffees
- Larger Community Events and Collaborations







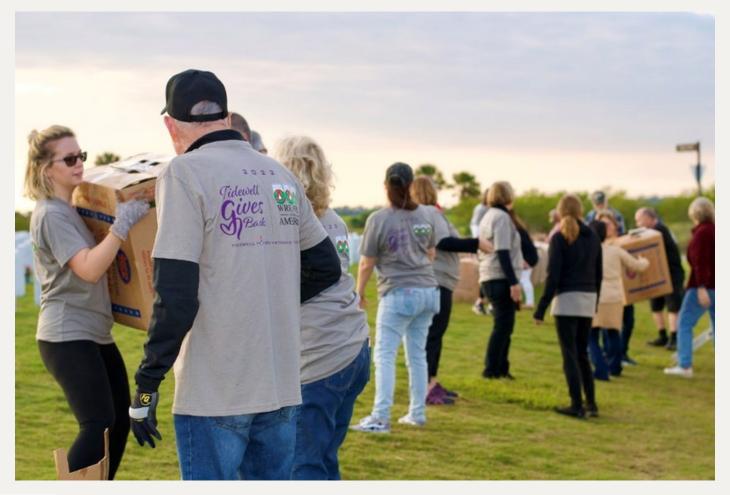
Pinning Events

- Community Connection Opportunities
- Patients
- Caregivers





Culture of Appreciation







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Introducing Terry Purcell







Madison Summers, Manager of Public Affairs







The Dole Act Signed into Law – Win for Veterans

- Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans
 Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act
 enacted to enhance services and benefits for
 Veterans
- Signed into law on January 2, 2025
- Key provisions include:
 - Home and community-based services expansion
 - Support for caregivers
 - Pilot programs and services for underserved communities
 - Gerald's Law Act





WHV & Opus Peace: <u>Caregiver Distress</u>

- Updated Veteran Pinning Ceremony Guide
- Identifying Clinically Meaningful Moral Injury
- Dementia Series <u>Part 1 & Part 2</u>
- Guide for Caring for Veterans of Foreign Militaries at EOL
- WHV & Opus Peace: Bereavement Support
- Community Nursing Home Initiative
 - Addressing Trauma and its Impacts
 - Caring for Veterans in their Final Hours
 - Ceremonies to Honor and Remember
 - Identifying and Addressing Source of Suffering
 - Overview for Frontline Staff

Webinars & Resources



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