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PARTNER BLOGS

Learn about Virtual Reality with Allied Partner MyndVR

Submitted by Jessica Benson, MyndVR

Exciting things are happening at WHV, our Allied Partner MyndVR is hosting a virtual reality study for Veterans at the end of life. We will be gathering input from partners like you to determine what type of content provides the desired outcomes such as pain relief, stress relief, closure, and how VR opens communication between Veterans and families, caregivers, and staff. MyndVR's mission is to improve the quality of life for older adults, Veterans, and those that care for them by providing outcome-based Virtual Reality Therapy. To learn more about MyndVR please view our latest blog post "[How Virtual Reality Provides A Space For Healing And Closure For Veterans.](#)"



The success of this project will be determined by partner participation, we appreciate your input and desire to be part of this technology innovative initiative. We are looking for hospices across the broad range of nonprofit, for-profit, rural, urban, large, and small as we are seeking input from the most diverse range of hospice providers as possible. If you are interested, please email

veterans@nhpco.org and we will pass your contact info along to our research team conducting the study. [Learn more about MyndVR](#) on their website.

NEWS & RESOURCES FROM WHV

VA Benefits Resources Reminder

WHV has created abbreviated versions of two VA benefits brochures, making the key information easy to print and access. We also hosted a webinar with VA Benefits experts last month. Access the resources at these links:

- [Burial Benefits for Veterans and their Families](#)
- [Survivor Benefits and Services for Veterans and their Families](#)
- [Webinar Recording: VA Benefits for Veterans With Serious Illness and Their Families](#)

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

March 29, 2022 is Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. We want to hear what our partners are doing to honor this day. [Submit your event](#) to the WHV events calendar and share your stories and photos with us at veterans@nhpco.org.

Thank You for Participating in the Annual Survey

Thank you to those who participated in this year's partner survey – we greatly appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts, feedback, and input on the program and how we may continue to evolve it over the coming year. If you did not get a chance to fill it out but have something to share about the program, WHV Team, or your work with VA staff please do not hesitate to reach out to us at veterans@nhpco.org.

NEWS FROM VA

VA Amplifies Access to Home, Community-Based Services for Eligible Veterans

"The Department of Veterans Affairs' Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care is expanding its Home-Based Primary Care, Medical Foster Home and Veteran-Directed Care programs to make them available at all VA medical centers by the end of fiscal year 2026. VA will add 58 medical foster homes and 70 Veteran-directed care programs to VAMCs across the nation and add 75 home-based primary care teams to areas with the highest unmet need," according to the [VA press release](#).

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness we write that one of our own, Beth Ann Bogan, 64, Level 5 Regional Mentor, North Texas HVP Chair and Seasons Hospice Volunteer Manager in Irving, Texas, died in December 2021. Beth is survived by her husband Thomas, her son Ryan, and her daughter Allyson.

Her family wrote, "Those who knew her best always admired Beth's kindness and selfless spirit. Her life's work included time spent as an elementary school librarian, volunteer coordinator in the non-profit sector for underprivileged children, and a volunteer program manager in the hospice industry serving the Veteran and elderly communities. If anyone needed a helping hand, she was there. She always brought a plate of delicious homemade cookies for any occasion, along with a shoulder to cry on if needed."



Beth Bogan will be missed throughout Texas and by all those who had the chance to know her.

VA HOTLINE NUMBERS

Keep these VA Hotline numbers handy as a resource for your team, your patients and their families. A more detailed list can be found on the [VA website](#).

- **MyVA411 - Main Information Line:** 800-698-2411
- **Caregiver Support Line:** 855-260-3274
- **VA Benefits Hotline:** 800-827-1000
- **Women Veterans Hotline:** 855-829-6636
- **Veterans Crisis Line:** 800-273-8255



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