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We Honor Veterans Newsletter

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FEATURED PARTNER STORY

Kare-In-Home Honors 102-Year-Old WWII Veteran

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Last month, [Kare-In-Home](#) Hospice in Mobile, Alabama pinned 102-year-old WWII Veteran, Cleveland Abrams, of McIntosh, Alabama. Not only was the Kare-In-Home team able to honor Mr. Abrams' service, but a hospice volunteer was also able to build him a new wheelchair ramp to improve his mobility and quality of life. Amazing work, Kare-In-Home!

To share your story for a chance to be featured on our blog or in here in our quarterly newsletter, fill out [this form](#) with your organization's latest and greatest story.



NEWS FROM WHV

WHV Survey - Now Open

It's that time of year again! The WHV Partner Survey is now open; each person who participates in the partner survey will be entered into a drawing to receive a **\$200 Amazon gift card**. We'll be choosing **five** participants at random, so please take a few minutes to give us your feedback. We can't stress enough how much your input helps shape our priorities, resources, and website updates to help ensure we're giving you everything you need to care for your Veteran patients. [Take the survey here by March 7.](#)

Celebrate Black History Month

NHPCO and WHV are recognizing Black History Month, an annual celebration of achievements by members of the African American and Black communities and recognition for their central role in U.S. history. We are excited to share new and existing resources for members, partners, and the broader hospice and palliative care community to learn about hospice utilization among Black Americans, as well as offer ways for providers to improve access to high-quality hospice and palliative care. We hope you learn from these resources, and that they help equip you with the tools you need to act within your organization and community. View all our materials on the [NHPCO Black History Month webpage](#) and follow along on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) for our Black History Month Leader Spotlight series.

New Partner Directory Search Feature: Palliative Care Services

The We Honor Veterans Partner Directory [will now display whether your hospice organization provides palliative care services](#), an important feature for patients and families as well as Veteran Affairs staff looking to connect with community providers. To update your organization's services offered, log in to your portal account and select "edit organization information," and click the checkbox for palliative care. Your directory listing will then reflect that you provide palliative care services. Due to the number of partners updating data, please allow 24-48 hours for the changes to update in our filtering system.

What is the VA's Million Veteran Program (MVP)?

At We Honor Veterans, we're proud to support the VA's largest research effort to improve health care for Veterans -- the Million Veteran Program (MVP), which studies how genes, lifestyle, military experiences, and exposures affect health and wellness. MVP researchers are making important discoveries around a range of health conditions faced by Veterans including [PTSD](#), [major depression](#), [heart disease](#), wellness, and more. With 925,000+ Veterans in MVP, they're close to reaching the historic milestone of 1,000,000 in their research program... and you can help!

Visit mvp.va.gov or call (866) 441-6075 to learn more about this important research program. Any Veteran can participate. You don't need to receive care at the VA to be part of MVP. To share information about MVP with your network, please contact Yanire.Camacho@va.gov.

WHV EVENTS

VA Caregiver Support Program - March 7, 3-4 p.m. ET

Do you want to learn more about the VA Caregiver Support Program? Join WHV and Timothy Jobin, Deputy Director of the VA Caregiver Support Program, to learn more about the unique mission of the Caregiver Support Program (CSP). He will offer an overview of the support and services available to caregivers of Veterans through the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) and the Program of General Caregiver Support Services (PGCSS). [Register now!](#)

Veteran Psychosocial Issues at the End of Life - March 28, 3-4 p.m. ET

[Join our upcoming webinar](#) with Dr. Elizabeth Holman, Palliative Care Psychologist at the Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center to learn about psychological issues for Veterans at the end of life.

WHV Webinar with VA – Psychedelic Therapy for End-of-Life Distress: Potentials and Pitfalls – Recording Available

Recently, WHV hosted a webinar with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) taking a deep dive into the use of psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy. If you missed the live session, [view the recording now](#). We also developed a [resource page](#) if you want to learn more about psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy.

Opus Peace Webinar – Veteran Care: Untold Stories, Untold Needs – Recording Available

Interested in learning about the untold stories and needs of Veteran care? WHV hosted a webinar with Deborah Grassman of [Opus Peace](#), and the [recording](#) is now available if you missed the live session.

WHV Office Hours - March 9 & 30, 4-4:30 p.m. ET

Join the WHV team for our new offering—WHV Office Hours! WHV participants of all levels are welcome; come prepared with questions regarding your level report, website support, or just to join your fellow partners for brainstorming, idea sharing, and more. Register for the [March 9](#) and [March 30](#) sessions.

Upcoming Webinars and Office Hours

Want to ensure you never miss another WHV event again? Bookmark our [Events Calendar](#) to register for upcoming webinars, and learn about community partner events.

NEWS FROM VA

- [VA Reaches One Million Veterans in Military Exposure Screenings](#)
- [Proposed Rule to Waive Copays for Eligible Native American and Alaska Native Veterans](#)
- [Veterans in Suicidal Crisis Can Go to Any VA or Non-VA Healthcare Facility for Free Emergency Care](#)
- [VA Housed Over 40,000 Homeless Veterans in 2022](#)
- [VA Offers \\$30M in Funding to Assist Formerly Homeless Veterans](#)

MORE PARTNER NEWS

- [Kare-In-Home Donates Food for Hospice Patients In Need](#)
- [St. Elizabeth Hospice Hosts Annual Veteran Appreciation Lunch](#)
- [A Companion with Four Paws - ProMedica Hospice](#)

Do you have a photo or story to share?

We want YOU to [send us any highlights](#) of your WHV program, events, or volunteer and patient stories with us. If you need assistance, please contact us at veterans@nhpco.org and we can help with edits and publishing.

NHPCO UPDATES AND EVENTS

- [Meeting Readout: Four National Hospice Organizations Met with CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure](#)
- [National Hospice Leaders Urge CMS and Congress to Advance Program Integrity in Hospice Care through Effective Oversight](#)
- [NHPCO Announces 2023 Project ECHO Offerings Focused on Health Equity](#)
- [NHPCO Facts and Figures Report Shows Growing Number of Hospice Patients](#)
- February 23: [Pop-Up Webinar - Heart Failure and Palliative Care: When to Engage](#) *
- February 28: [Chat - Evolution of Hospice](#) +
- March 2: [Project ECHO - Cultural Humility and Pediatric Care](#)

** Indicates accredited education with CE/CME credit available to live attendees.*

+ MyNHPCO Chats are regular webinars developed by members for members. They are produced by the discipline-based MyNHPCO Steering Committees, participation is open to employees and volunteers of all NHPCO member organizations.

