

## We Honor Veterans Newsletter

Fall 2021

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### PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

#### Genesis Rochester Manor WWII Marine Veteran Chosen for Honor Flight

*Submitted by Genesis*

On September 12, 2021, Executive Director Teale Howe of Genesis Rochester Manor Center of New Hampshire accompanied Constantin Chrysafidis, a 96-year-old WWII Marine Veteran, on his honor flight to Washington DC. [Read more on the WHV blog.](#)



#### Korean War Veteran Honored By Hospice Team

*Submitted by VITAS Healthcare in Cincinnati, OH*

VITAS Healthcare in Cincinnati, Ohio, conducted a beautiful bedside salute for patient Mr. Burns, an Army Veteran who served during the Korean War. [Read more on the WHV blog.](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### WHV + Opus Peace Veterans Day Webinar

*Tuesday, November 9; 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET*

Join a conversation with Deborah Grassman, founder of Opus Peace and a popular presenter for WHV partners. This session will be held in recognition of Veterans Day. [Register to join.](#)

#### VA & NHPCO Screening and Referral of Veterans on Hospice

*Tuesday, November 16, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. ET*

Join VA Subject Matter Experts and fellow WHV partners for another webinar in our Trauma-Informed Care initiative. You will learn more about why trauma-informed care is important, be given an overview of PTSD and Moral Injury, gain a better understanding on starting the conversation and using brief screening questions, symptom assessment, making the referral decision, and connecting to VA Telemental Health providers. [Register to join.](#)

## NEWS & RESOURCES FROM WHV

### WHV Website Now Functioning Normally

After undergoing some urgent maintenance and updates, the We Honor Veterans website is back up and functioning normally. All forms that were submitted when the website was down were received, and the WHV team is addressing them as quickly as possible. Please note that going forward partners should look for emails from [WHVmanagement@wehonorveterans.org](mailto:WHVmanagement@wehonorveterans.org) when filling out forms. If you submitted an activity report or message in September and have not gotten a response, please follow up to [veterans@nhpco.org](mailto:veterans@nhpco.org). Thank you for your patience.

### Veterans Day Resources - Get Ready for November 11

- [Veterans Day Outreach Materials](#) (includes including template press releases, letters to the editor, and social media graphics)
- [Virtual Pinning Ceremony Guide](#)
- [Social Media Guide for WHV Partners](#)
- [WHV Advocacy Toolkit](#) (Veterans Day can be a great opportunity to engage your federal, state and local representatives. For additional help, contact the Hospice Action Network at [info@nhpcohan.org](mailto:info@nhpcohan.org).)
- [WHV Resources on Marketplace](#) (select category "Veteran")
  - New WHV lapel pins in full color will be available for purchase by October 20
- WHV Event Calendar
  - [View upcoming events](#)
  - [Add your event to the calendar](#)

### Benefits Brochures

The WHV has created abbreviated versions of two VA benefits brochures, making the key information easy to print and access. Download at these links:

- [Burial Benefits for Veterans and Their Families](#)
- [Survivor Benefits and Services for Their Families](#)

## NEWS FROM VA

### VA Embarks on Process to Design New Model to Deliver Seamless Integrated Care

Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough said Oct. 5 the department will embark on designing a new integrated access and care coordination model to better deliver seamless care. [See details in the VA news release.](#)

### **New VA Programs Target Better Care for Older Veterans**

September was Healthy Aging Month, and the VA is stepping up its game to ensure veterans have an age-friendly health care system they can count on - including emergency department improvements and joining a National Age-Friendly Health Systems initiative. [Read more from MOAA.](#)

### **LGBTQ Vets Discharged Under 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Have New Chance For Full Benefits**

The announcement was issued on the 10th anniversary of the repeal of don't ask, don't tell, and will apply to Veterans who were forced from service under the policy and given "other than honorable discharges" due to their sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status. [Read more from NPR.](#)

### **Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers to provide an additional year for eligibility and reassessment of certain participants**

The Department of Veterans Affairs Caregiver Support Program is extending eligibility through Sept. 30, 2022 for Veterans who are legacy participants, legacy applicants and their family caregivers, participating in the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. [Read more on the VA website.](#)

## **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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