

We Honor Veterans Newsletter

Spring 2021

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PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

We received a lot of great photos and stories from partners about their creative activities for Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. Thank you for sharing your stories and events with us!

We've compiled the photos into a [short video](#) we hope you enjoy.



WHV Partners in the Blog

- ["Genesis Rochester Manor Recognizes Resident Veterans on Vietnam Veteran Remembrance Day 2021"](#) (Genesis Rochester Manor, Rochester, NH)
- ["Vietnam Veteran received a "Thank You" that was worth the wait"](#) (Mountain Hospice, Bellington, WV)
- ["North Texas HVP attended a Care Parade for a 100th Birthday Celebration"](#) (North Texas HVP)

WHV Partners in the News

- ["Care Dimensions premieres 'Welcome Home' ceremony"](#) (Care Dimensions, Danvers, MA)
- ["Vietnam War veterans honored in Laurel"](#) (Heart of Hospice, Laurel, MS)
- ["Vietnam veterans honored during prayer service"](#) (Hospice of Huntington, Huntington, WV)
- ["Avalon Hospice honors Vietnam Veterans"](#) (Avalon Hospice, Neosho, MO)

NEWS FROM WHV

WHV Annual Survey Now Open

In an effort to focus our energies on creating the most useful resources and tools for our partners, the WHV team worked with our colleagues at the Department of Veterans Affairs to create a short (we promise!) survey to gauge where our partners are at and continue to create a supportive virtual space for everyone to access. All survey respondents will be entered into a raffle for a \$250 Amazon

gift card! The survey can be [accessed here](#) and will remain open through Friday, April 30. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Save the Date: Hospice-Veteran Partnerships Open Forum Call 5/13

Calling all state-wide and community chairs, supporters and leaders! HVPs continue to be a source of collaboration; however we know that continuing your community activities have been more difficult than ever over the past year. We want to make sure that efforts are continuing and partnerships are getting the support they need both from teams within NHPCO and VA. Please join our HVP-focused open forum call on **Thursday, May 13 at 3 p.m. ET**. [Register for the call](#).

New WHV Partner Resource Hub

The [Partner Resource Hub](#) on the WHV site is a space for resources from fellow partners to be shared with others. It will include educational materials, community presentations, and more. If you have any resources you want to share, please email veterans@nhpco.org.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Compassion Fatigue, Resiliency Building, and Employee Whole Health

Tuesday, May 18 at 3:00 p.m. ET

Working through the COVID pandemic timeframe has been stressful for many. Join VA subject matter experts as they speak to the compassion fatigue that perhaps you or your colleagues are experiencing, differentiating compassion fatigue from burn-out as well as the typical timeline of the compassion fatigue process. The benefits of some Whole Health approaches will be described, as well as how these practices can reduce stress and strengthen resiliency. [Register to join](#).

Hospice Care for Veterans: Hope and Healing

Tuesday, May 25 at 2:00 p.m. ET

Learning about trauma, PTSD, and some of the generalizations about Veterans is important because it provides health care professionals with some of the common issues that surround PTSD. However, be careful that these common issues don't become assumptions that replace assessment as these can sometimes lead to false, irrelevant, or wrong conclusions. Join Deborah Grassman NP, founder of [Opus Peace](#), for a presentation that will challenge assumptions that might be interfering with your ability to create a safe emotional environment for Veterans. Diane Jones, who led the VA movement that started Hospice-Veteran Partnerships, will join to discuss what Veterans at the end of life want you to know about how to heal the aftermath of war. [Register to join](#).

NEWS FROM NHPCO

Quality Connections Integrates WHV

NHPCO is proud to launch Quality Connections (QC), a new program designed to enhance the knowledge base, skills, and competency of hospice and palliative care professionals and providers through new tools and opportunities for engagement and interaction with other providers. The program includes activities within four pillars: education, application, measurement, and innovation. As a WHV partner, you're already completing application pillar activities. Learn more and register at nhpco.org/qualityconnections.



Project ECHO

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is an innovative tele-mentoring program. As a Project ECHO partner, NHPCO is offering 60-minute case-based learning sessions occur every month in 2021. [Save the date for upcoming sessions](#) and consider [submitting a case study](#) for a specific month's topic. Project ECHO can also help organizations complete pillars in Quality Connections.

LAC21 On-Demand

The 2021 Leadership & Advocacy Conference's on-demand sessions are available through May 31. Veteran-specific on-demand sessions include "The Challenges of EOL Care for Veterans during COVID-19" and "Level Five of the We Honor Veterans Program: How to Get There." Learn more and [register for access](#).



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