



## We Honor Veterans Newsletter

Summer 2022

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### PARTNER NETWORKING CALL

#### Connect with We Honor Veterans Live

*Tomorrow, June 2, 2:00-3:00pm ET*

Join the quarterly We Honor Veterans Partner Call tomorrow, June 2, 2:00-3:00pm ET, to hear updates from the We Honor Veterans team on priorities for the remainder of 2022, the latest news from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and happenings within NHPKO, plus updates on the efforts of The Elizabeth Dole Foundation and the latest from Deborah Grassman and the team from Opus Peace. As always, we'll leave time for an open discussion and Q&A. [Register today!](#)



## A PERSONAL NOTE: OPUS PEACE

### A note from Katherine Kemp, NHPCO Director of Veterans Services

As someone working to improve the care for Veterans in my work life and serving as a caregiver in my personal life, I found the Opus Peace Soul Injury Institute Graduate training to be incredibly moving, lovingly tough, and long overdue. I have spoken with many WHV partners who have become Opus Peace Ambassadors and have shared that their learnings with Opus Peace have shifted their attitudes toward and approaches to their patients, and Veterans in particular, in a way that nothing else has. Many are familiar with the work of Deborah Grassman and her teachings on liberating unforgiven guilt and shame. If you have ever been curious about the Institute or would like to hear more from my experience, you are welcome to reach out to me at [kkemp@nhpco.org](mailto:kkemp@nhpco.org). The next Institute [will take place Oct 3-6](#).

## NEWS & RESOURCES FROM WHV

### 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 to those who have shared your stories and events!

We plan to compile a highlight reel, so if you haven't already done so, please submit your stories and photos via the [Share Your Story](#) page.

### We Honor Veterans featured on CBS's Magnum P.I

On April 1, 2022, the CBS Original Series Magnum P.I. aired an episode in which the main character, Thomas Magnum, volunteers with No Veteran Dies Alone and meets Bob, a terminally ill Vietnam Veteran on hospice. This episode embodied and highlighted the importance of the work our hospices and Vet-to-Vet volunteers provide to Veterans at the end of life. To learn more about the episode, [check out our blog](#).

## PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

- [Summit Hospice Partner Event: Granting A WWII Veterans Wish To Fly](#)
- [Hope Healthcare Honors 100-year-old Veteran](#)
- [Caris Healthcare, Bluffton SC Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration](#)

- [Compassionate Care Hospice, an Amedisys Company Honors World War II Veteran](#)
- [Gilchrist Hospice Honors Veteran Taskforce](#)
- [VNSNY Featured on local talk show discussing Military Appreciation Month](#)

## VA GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The new [Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program](#) (SSG Fox SPGP) will enable VA to provide resources toward community-based suicide prevention efforts to meet the needs of Veterans and their families through outreach, suicide prevention services, and connection to VA and community resources.

Grant applications are due by June 10, 11:59pm ET. This is a three-year, community-based grant program. Organizations can apply for grants worth up to \$750,000 and may apply to renew awards from year to year throughout the length of the program. Please note: Before applying, organizations will need to register with the VA's grant management portal if they aren't already in the system, and registration can take some time. FAQs are [available here](#), and grant applications are [available here](#).

## MORE VA NEWS

- [VA released its Equity Action Plan in benefits, services, and health care](#)
- [VA establishes presumptive service connection for rare respiratory cancers for certain Veterans](#)
- [VA expands reimbursement agreement program to Urban Indian Organizations](#)
- [VA shares implementation plan and locations of PAWS Act pilot program](#)
- [Study finds higher prevalence of mental health concerns for Vietnam Veterans](#)
- [NCA launches new interactive "Find a Cemetery" map](#)

## NEWS & RESOURCES FROM NHPCO

### **New Resource Helps Providers Serve Chinese American Communities**

NHPCO is offering a new Chinese American Resource Guide to support hospice and palliative care providers' work to deepen connections with Chinese American communities. The guide, published as part of Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, was developed for you by NHPCO's Diversity Advisory Council in partnership with the Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care. Download the guide, and other diversity, equity, inclusion, and access resources at [nhpco.org/diversity](https://nhpco.org/diversity).

## Upcoming Learning Opportunities

June 7 - Member Chat (MyNHPCO): [Perspectives on Music Therapy Practice](#)<sup>+</sup>

June 7 - Quality: [BiteSizeQI Cohort B](#)

June 8 - Quality: [BiteSizeQI Cohort C](#)

June 8 - Member Chat (MyNHPCO): [Spiritual Care Documentation: Assessments, Goals and Interventions](#)<sup>+</sup>

June 9 - Webinar: [Equitable and Inclusive Hospice Care for Sexual and Gender Minorities: A Quality Imperative](#)<sup>\*</sup>

June 14 - Member Chat (MyNHPCO): [Virtual Events – What’s Working and What’s Not](#)<sup>+</sup>

June 14 - Performance Measure: [STAR \(Survey of Team Attitudes and Relationships\) Dashboard Walk-through](#)

June 15 - Member Chat (MyNHPCO): [Expanding Bereavement Volunteer Programming to Enhance Survivor Support](#)<sup>+</sup>

June 21 - Member Chat (MyNHPCO): [Leadership and Relationship Building: Boomer to Gen Z](#)<sup>+</sup>

June 21 - Quality: [Quality Connections Renew and Refresh](#)

June 22 - Quality: [Project ECHO – Process Improvement in Hospice](#)

June 23 - Webinar: [Optimizing Telemedicine Palliative Care](#)<sup>\*</sup>

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

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

## IN MEMORIAM

## Diane Jones

On May 2, NHPCO and the entire hospice and palliative care community lost a pioneer and founding force in the care for Veterans at the end of life. Diane was a retired social worker and worked for many years with national organizations and the Department of Veterans Affairs and served on the Board of Opus Peace. We Honor Veterans would not exist today without her input and dedication. She had an incredible impact everyone she met. There will be a virtual Meeting of Remembrance hosted by the VA on June 9, 3:00-4:00pm ET. Dial-in info can be found on the [WHV Events Calendar](#).



## 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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