

# VETERAN-TO-VETERAN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

*Our nation's Veterans have faced difficult issues throughout their lifetime. As they near the end of their lives, they continue to face unique challenges, both new and old. These challenges are often best addressed by another Veteran.*

That's why our **Veteran-to-Veteran Volunteer Program** aims to pair recruited Veteran volunteers with our Veteran hospice patients. Veteran volunteers have the distinct ability to relate and connect with Veteran patients thereby creating a safe environment where life review and healing can occur. Once paired, they can share in their common language and experiences, forming strong relational bonds.

**Veteran volunteers can make a difference in a variety of ways including:**

- › Providing companionship
- › Listening as Veteran patient reminisces
- › Recording Veteran's life story
- › Making a memory book or a CD/ DVD
- › Helping replace lost medals
- › Reading and writing letters and email messages
- › Playing chess, cards or board games
- › Participating in pinning ceremonies
- › Educating and assisting patients in receiving Veteran benefits
- › Calling or visiting Veterans on Veterans Day

If you know a Veteran with a passion for caring for others and looking to serve your fellow Veterans, consider becoming a Veteran hospice volunteer. Our volunteers are an important part of our hospice care team, helping improve the quality of life for our Veteran patients, their families and their caregivers.

*To learn more about becoming a Veteran volunteer,  
please contact our Volunteer Coordinator:*

**Carolyn Duell**  
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