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HopeHealth Committed to Ensuring Veterans have Access to Quality End-of-Life Care *November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month*

Hyannis, Mass. – HopeHealth announced it has progressed to a Level Two partner of *We Honor Veterans*, a pioneering campaign developed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Twenty five percent of those who die every year in the U.S. are veterans. The *We Honor Veterans* campaign provides tiered recognition to organizations that demonstrate a systematic commitment to improving care for veterans.

HopeHealth provided over 30 pinning ceremonies to veterans in their care and trained veteran volunteers throughout their service area during 2015. Pinning ceremonies acknowledge the military service and sacrifices made by the veteran and their family. The ceremony gives an opportunity for each veteran to share part of their story. By doing so, a sense of meaning and purpose can be gained by the veteran. By pairing veteran volunteers with hospice patients who also have military experience, the veteran volunteers have the unique ability to relate and connect with each patient thereby creating an environment where life review and healing may occur.

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and hospices across the country are reaching out to raise awareness about the highest quality care for all people coping with life-limiting illness. Every year, nearly 1.6 million people living with a life-limiting illness receive care from hospice and palliative care providers in this country. This year's theme is "Hospice. Helps. Everyone." Hospice and palliative care combines the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that families need most when facing the end of life.

"As our nation marks Veterans Day on November 11 and in conjunction with National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, HopeHealth shares its commitment to increase veterans' access to compassionate, high quality hospice care for those who are facing serious and life-limiting illness," said David Rehm, HopeHealth's CEO & president. "Over the years, we have worked with the area's VA Medical Centers and other veterans' service organizations to provide hospice care to local veterans. By being a Level Two partner, we are better able to guide veterans and their families for the best quality of life they can have."

To learn more about *We Honor Veterans*, please visit [WeHonorVerterans.org](http://WeHonorVeterans.org).

About [HopeHealth](#)

HopeHealth has been enhancing the quality of life for people experiencing serious illness and loss for more than 30 years. Today, the not-for-profit organization delivers a wide range of medical care, care management and support services throughout eastern Massachusetts. The HopeHealth family of services includes: Hope Hospice; Hope HouseCalls and Specialized HouseCalls; Hope Dementia & Alzheimer's Services; Hope Care for Kids; Hope Community Care; and Hope Academy. In June 2014, the Massachusetts Pain Initiative affiliated with the organization. Learn more by calling (800) 642-2423 or visiting HopeHealthCo.org.

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