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Hope Hospice to Honor Veterans with Pinning Ceremonies *November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month*

Hyannis, Mass. – In honor of National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and Veterans Day, Hope Hospice is partnering with Maplewood at Brewster, Mill Hill Residence and Windsor Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center to provide pinning ceremonies to veterans in their care. 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.

The schedule for the pinning ceremonies is:

- Thursday, November 9, 2017, 10 a.m., Windsor Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 265 N Main Street, South Yarmouth, MA 02664
- Friday, November 10, 2017, 10 a.m., Maplewood at Brewster, 820 Harwich Road, Brewster, MA 02631
- Friday, November 10, 2017, 2 p.m., Mill Hill Residence, 164 MA-28, West Yarmouth, MA 02673

Hope Hospice is a Level Three 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.

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. This year's theme is "*It's about how you live!*" It stresses the importance of people thinking about the care they would and would not want before they find themselves in a medical crisis and helps them to understand the value in planning for the care they might need if they were to face a serious or life-limiting illness. One of the most frequent comments hospice providers hear from families is "why did we wait so long before calling hospice?"

“We are excited to partner with Maplewood at Brewster, Mill Hill Residence and Windsor Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center to provide pinning ceremonies to their veteran residents,” said Diana Franchitto, HopeHealth’s CEO & president. “As our nation marks Veterans Day and in conjunction with National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, Hope Hospice shares its commitment to increase veterans’ access to compassionate, high quality hospice care for those who are facing serious and life-limiting illness.”

About [HopeHealth](#)

HopeHealth has been enhancing the quality of life for people experiencing serious illness and loss for more than 35 years. Today, the non-profit organization delivers a wide range of services for people with serious illness and their families. The HopeHealth family of services in Massachusetts includes: Hope Hospice; Hope Care for Kids; Hope Dementia & Alzheimer’s Services and Hope Academy. The Massachusetts Pain Initiative is an affiliate of the organization. Learn more by calling (800) 642-2423 or visiting [HopeHealthCo.org](#).

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