



Livingston County Hospice



WE HONOR VETERANS

Program News

The “We Honor Veterans Program” becomes the newest initiative at Livingston County Hospice: It’s never too late to say ‘thank you’ to our nation’s Veterans, even at the end of life.

The men and women who have bravely served our country in the military have made profound sacrifices in defense of freedom and deserve our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Livingston County Hospice believes that honoring our nation’s Veterans includes supporting them throughout their entire lives, especially at the end.

Livingston County Hospice, a program of the **Livingston County Department of Health** is passionate about increasing Veterans’ access to compassionate, high quality hospice and palliative care for those who are facing serious and life-limiting illness. To advance this commitment, **Livingston County Hospice** recently allied with an innovative program called **We Honor Veterans(WHV)**, developed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs. In the company of **We Honor Veterans**, **Livingston County Hospice** is ensuring they are equipped to address the unique needs of our nation’s Veterans through Veteran-centric education to staff and volunteers and strengthened relationships with VA medical centers and other Veteran organizations.

It surprises many Americans to learn that every day, 1,800 Veterans die. That’s more than 680,000 Veterans every year – or 25 percent of all the people who die in this country annually. A generation of World War II and Korean War Veterans are facing end-of-life care decisions now, and they are quickly being followed by younger Vietnam War Veterans, many of whom are confronting serious illnesses at an even earlier age.

The liberty that we, as US citizens, enjoy comes at a price paid by these valiant men and women. Let each of us make sure we do our part to recognize and support them throughout their lives.

If you know a Veteran who is in need of the special care hospice and palliative care brings to people facing serious and life-limiting illness, please reach out and help them learn more about the services that hospice and palliative care can provide. To learn more about ways hospice supports our nation’s heroes contact **Livingston County Hospice** at **585-243-7290**.

To all of our nation’s Veterans, thank you.

If you would like to support work being done at the national level to expand care for Veterans at the end of life, please visit www.WeHonorVeterans.org/support. If you are a Veteran and would like to provide volunteer support to other Veterans through local WHV program efforts please contact Livingston County Hospice at 585-243-7290 or email jcraft@co.livingston.ny.us.