



## "Vet to Vet" A Volunteer Outreach Initiative

We invite you to become part of a pioneering program focused on providing compassionate listening and thankful acknowledgment to the men and women who served our country in the armed forces.

**We Honor veterans and Vet-to-Vet is a national awareness and action campaign developed by the National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO).**

NHPCO is in collaboration with the Department of Veteran Affairs, community Hospices, and local Veteran Service Organizations (VSO's). Our common goal is to provide the best possible care for veterans in the best possible manner, while honoring veterans' preferences.

**Hospice of Davidson County offers an opportunity for volunteer veterans to provide support to other veterans and their families at end-of-life.**

A hospice volunteer curriculum for veterans is offered to provide education and meet the unique needs of veterans. The training includes education concerning Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

**Our veterans completed their mission to serve. Please help Hospice of Davidson County to fulfill our mission to serve veterans with the dignity they deserve.**

*Find comfort here.*

## Hospice of Davidson County Veteran Volunteer Application and Training Process

Hospice volunteers are ambassadors in the community and homes of our patients. Therefore, qualifying criteria and processes are in place to ensure our patients receive the best care. Every volunteer must complete a volunteer application and interview with the Volunteer Manager.

Applicants are invited to participate in twelve hours of volunteer training, which is a volunteer requirement. These initial steps are followed by various verification processes.

Veterans who wish to provide specialized support to veteran patients at end-of-life will complete additional specific training.

### All Applicants Must:

- Pass a Drug Test/Urine Analysis
- Allow for a Criminal Records Check, and Sex Offender Search
- Provide a Motor Vehicle Report

### Documents Required:

- Proof of Auto Insurance and a Valid NC Driver's License
- TB Skin Test

**For more information about becoming a volunteer, please contact Hospice of Davidson County Volunteer Services, or visit [HospiceOfDavidson.org/Volunteer](http://HospiceOfDavidson.org/Volunteer)**



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## About Hospice of Davidson County

When you or a loved one is faced with the need for end-of-life care in the greater Davidson County community, find comfort here at Hospice of Davidson County.

Our focus is helping hospice patients manage pain and symptoms, while providing spiritual and emotional support for patients and their families. We do this in the comfort of our patients' homes, hospitals, nursing facilities, and our in-patient Hinkle Hospice House.

We serve residents throughout Davidson County, including Lexington, Thomasville, Welcome, Midway, Arcadia, and all surrounding counties.

Hospice volunteers experience unforgettable moments of compassion and fulfillment as they enhance the lives of veterans facing their end of life journey. The support our volunteers provide to the patients that we serve and their caregivers is immeasurable.

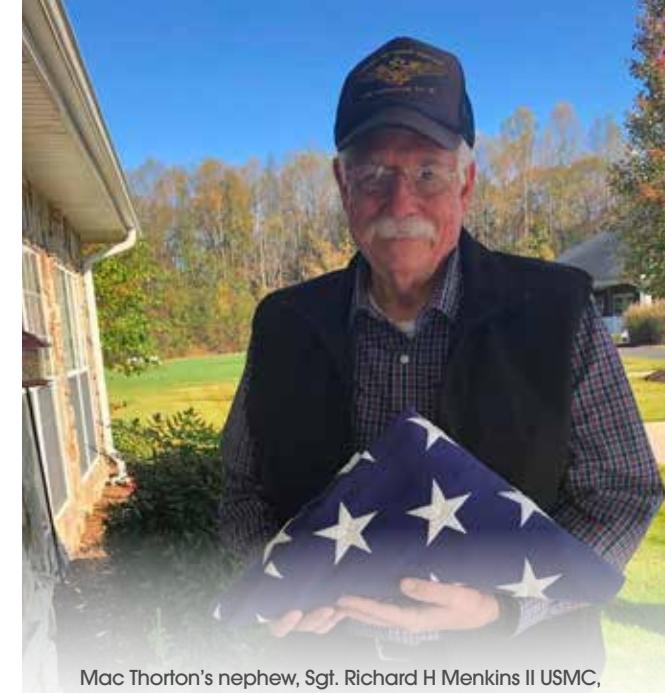
## U.S. Veterans Facts

- More than 10% of Hospice of Davidson County patients served annually are veterans.
- In 2020, Hospice of Davidson County provided care to more than 117 veterans.
- There are more than 26 million veterans living in our country today.
- 25% of all deaths in the US are veterans.
- More than 1,8000 veterans die each day, on average (over 680,000 annually).
- The VA cares for only a small number of veterans, with only 33% of all veterans enrolled in a VA program and receiving benefits.
- At the end of life, 96% of Veterans die in their own community.
- Veterans are dying every day without quality end-of-life care, and Hospice of Davidson County wants to change that for our community veterans.



"Dad never spoke about his time in Korea. The only time we ever heard him talk about his war experience was when the hospice veteran volunteer came to present him with a certificate honoring his service to our country. He just opened up and shared stories that none of his family had ever heard. It was a gift to witness him share that part of his life."

**Laura Owen,**  
Hospice of Davidson County,  
CEO, speaking of her father,  
Frank Thacker



Mac Thornton's nephew, Sgt. Richard H Menkins II USMC, died in service during a terrorist attack in Beirut, Lebanon. Mac, a former volunteer and initial charter member of WHV, donated this flag that flew over Camp Lejeune in his nephew's honor.

## Make The Difference In The Life of a Veteran

- Offer camaraderie and engage veterans in life-review through phone calls.
- Call veterans on Veterans Day and or Memorial Day.
- Provide appreciation certificates or honor veterans with a lapel pin for their service.
- Provide Hospice Education to veterans groups.
- Recruit other veterans to provide end- of-life volunteer support.
- Assist veterans in connecting with our WHV program.