

Join Us Honoring Veterans



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Hospice & Palliative CareCenter and Rowan Hospice & Palliative Care are a proud participant in the **We Honor Veterans program**, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) and Veterans Administration (VA). As part of our salute to veterans, we provide education and opportunities for veterans to connect and enjoy fellowship. We have specially trained professionals qualified to care for patients with a history of military service. Call to learn more – 336-331-1309

Veterans Coffee Events

Wednesdays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

1st Wednesday - Richard Childress Racing, 425 Industrial Blvd., Welcome

2nd Wednesday - Concord/Cabarrus County - Locations will rotate each month.

3rd Wednesday - Outback Steakhouse - 979 Folger Dr., Statesville

Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

1st Thursday - Sagebrush Steakhouse - 1562 Yadkinville Rd., Mocksville

2nd Thursday - Outback Steakhouse - Four Seasons Town Centre, Greensboro

3rd Thursday - Outback Steakhouse - 505 Highland Oaks Drive
(off Hanes Mall Blvd), Winston-Salem

4th Thursday - Town & Country Grille - 627 South Main St., King

The Veterans Coffee events are open to veterans of all ages and military services. The events are an opportunity for our veterans, both male and female, to connect with other veterans, share stories and enjoy free coffee, donuts and conversation. Government and non-profit organizations who provide support programs and activities for veterans are invited to attend and share information about their programs.

Spirit of '45 Celebration • Honoring World War II Veterans

Sunday, October 25, 2015 • 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Embassy Suites Greensboro - Airport • 204 Centreport Dr., Greensboro

Hospice & Palliative CareCenter is honoring World War II Veterans for their service to our country. The dinner will include entertainment by "Letters from Home" and a special recognition ceremony honoring World War II Veterans. There is no charge for WWII Veterans and one guest. All veterans and the general public are invited to attend and can purchase tickets for \$45. RSVP by Friday, October 16 to (336)768-6157, ext. 1622 or at www.hospicecarecenter.org, and click on the We Honor Veterans logo.



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"We live in the greatest country in the world," said retired veteran Harold Frank who fought in World War II. "One day back in 1942, I was a high school student in Tyro, North Carolina. Then, I found myself in the middle of a war and was taken to a German POW camp with a bullet in my shoulder. On a Friday the 13th they removed that bullet and I have worn it around my neck ever since," shared Mr. Frank who was a guest speaker at Hospice & Palliative CareCenter's Memorial Day Celebration.

"Hospice honors our veterans," commented Christine Brown with Hospice & Palliative CareCenter, "because every day matters, and that's especially true for those who have served our country. While our mission may be straightforward, fulfilling it is anything but simple. Each patient has a unique life story and a unique set of needs and when it comes to the needs of America's Veterans, our staff respects and understands that veterans often carry experiences from their military service that present distinctive challenges at the end of life," she continued.

For just over six months, Hospice & Palliative CareCenter has been hosting Veteran's Coffee events throughout the Piedmont/Triad. "The Coffee events are a place for veterans to connect and re-connect with other veterans and have a place to relax, enjoy free coffee, pastries and conversation. There are no expectations for anyone to talk about the past, or not talk about it," shared Don Timmons, Vietnam Veteran and event coordinator with Hospice & Palliative CareCenter. "We have had veteran attendees from the Desert Storm and post 9/11 conflicts, all the way back to WWII. There have been some great stories told and relationships built," he said.

To say the events are well attended and heartwarming would



be an understatement. The number of Coffee events being hosted by Hospice is up to 5 per month and the attendance grows with each event. "Hospice is about quality of life. These events are a way to honor those who have served our country as well as create an opportunity for them to connect and enjoy fellowship," said Timmons.

Government and other organizations that provide veteran services and programs participate and discuss their offerings. The Coffee events have become a way to help connect the dots between veterans who might need help, and organizations that can provide it.

Hospice & Palliative CareCenter cares for more than 400 patients and families in 13 counties. Twenty-one percent of those patients are veterans. "They have served our country, and when it's time, it will be our honor to serve them," says Brown.

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