

Veteran-to-Veteran Volunteers

For both our Caris staff and volunteers, it is both a privilege and an honor, as reflected by our participation in the *We Honor Veterans* program.

To our patients who are veterans, we enlist volunteers, many of whom are veterans themselves. Our veteran volunteers possess a profound understanding of the needs of veterans. As much as they sacrificed while in uniform, Caris veteran volunteers continue to serve by making a difference in the lives of our veteran patients and their loved ones.

—Dennis Jones,
Veteran-to-Veteran Volunteer

I was seeking an opportunity to help other veterans in the community. After a while, I came to realize that Caris was helping me.



What is Hospice?

Hospice is a special way of caring for people with a life-limiting disease. Hospice provides physical, emotional and spiritual care to the terminally ill and their families.

Care is available wherever the patient resides—a private residence, assisted living community or nursing center.

Honoring Our Hometown Heroes



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We Honor Veterans

Caris Healthcare is an active partner in the *We Honor Veterans* program, a joint effort of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). *We Honor Veterans* prepares and supports hospice providers in caring for veterans of all conflicts. As a *We Honor Veterans* partner, Caris is able to meet the unique needs of our veteran patients and their loved ones.



All long-established Caris offices have proudly earned Level Four status—the highest level of achievement—in the *We Honor Veterans* program. Newer Caris offices are

well on their way to attaining Level Four status, a Caris-wide commitment to ensure we can provide Hospice Care with Grace to every one of the veterans Caris is privileged to serve.



Veterans Need Our Help

Never before in American history have we had veterans of so many different conflicts among us—from World War II and Korea through Vietnam, the Gulf Wars and the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Veterans of each service era have had vastly different experiences and have unique needs. There are 26 million American veterans alive today. More than a quarter of all who die each year



My motivation, as a veteran volunteer, is to pay the veteran back for their time and service to our nation. Veterans seem to open up to other veterans and are more willing to share their stories and experiences. As a veteran myself, I find the volunteer experience to be very rewarding.

—Jim Loftis, *Caris Veteran Volunteer, Cookeville, TN*



are veterans. Many veterans are not aware of the benefits available to them, including the Medicare Hospice Benefit and VA-paid hospice care.

What Does Caris Do?

We make sure our staff and volunteers understand the unique needs of our veterans.

- Caris regularly trains its staff on how best to care for veterans and their loved ones.
- Caris tends to the specific and unique needs of veterans at the end of life.
- Caris provides training to staff at nursing centers specifically on caring for veterans at the end of life.
- Caris seeks out veteran volunteers to provide one-on-one interaction with our patients who are veterans.
- Caris cherishes the opportunity to serve those who have served us.

Interested in our **Veteran-to-Veteran Program**? Call **Caris** to learn more **866-694-4848**.