

# How We Honor Veterans can partner with Congress



*We Honor Veterans* (WHV) Partners provide specialized care to ensure that critically ill Veteran patients experience a peaceful end-of-life journey. WHV Partners engage legislators by sharing key information and stories detailing the challenges faced by Veterans at the end-of-life. There are several ways for WHV Partners to engage legislators' understanding of and support for Veteran's end-of-life needs:

## Show Support through Social Media

Invite your legislators to follow your social media accounts. Reach out to their offices with your social media account links and encourage them to share posts and photos that honor Veterans. Encourage legislators to honor a family member or constituent who was a Veteran via social media. Ask your Representative's office to include the hashtag #wehonorvets in their posts.

### Examples:

- It's never too late to say thank you. #wehonorvets
- We honor those who served. #wehonorvets
- Thank you for the sacrifices you have made for our freedom. #wehonorvets

Participants can also include the hashtag #HospiceWorks to showcase the impact your program has on Veterans in your care and the larger community.

You can find *We Honor Veterans*' social media resources at: [www.wehonorveterans.org/resources/whv-outreach-materials/](http://www.wehonorveterans.org/resources/whv-outreach-materials/).

## Invite Members of Congress to Attend a We Honor Veterans Event

WHV and The Hospice Action Network (HAN) encourage providers to invite members of Congress to attend Pinning Ceremonies and Ceremonies of Remembrance for Veterans receiving hospice care. These powerful ceremonies provide much-deserved recognition and honor to Veterans in their final days while also allowing hospice providers, policymakers, and community leaders to thank Veterans for their service. These events are ideal opportunities to connect members of Congress with hospice care recipients and providers in their communities.

For Sample Invitations for a Legislator to Visit a Program, go to: [www.hospiceactionnetwork.org/learn-more-2/advocacy-toolkit/](http://www.hospiceactionnetwork.org/learn-more-2/advocacy-toolkit/).

If your organization would like to invite members of Congress to participate in a WHV event, please email [info@nhpcohan.org](mailto:info@nhpcohan.org). HAN staff will be happy to help!

## Become an Advocate

Many Americans, including legislators, are not aware of the unique needs Veterans face at end of life. Share with your legislators and communities the benefits provided by WHV programs. Pen a letter to the editor, dedicate space in your next newsletter to the importance of connecting with policymakers, and reach out to your members of Congress and ask to discuss the We Honor Veterans program with them or their in-district staffers. Your advocacy for hospice and ensuring quality care for Veterans will help more Veterans have access to *We Honor Veterans* and other important resources at the end of life.

*Let us remember that these men and women deserve our honor and thanks each and every day.*

Learn more about *We Honor Veterans* at [www.wehonorveterans.org](http://www.wehonorveterans.org).

For more information about scheduling a site visit with your members of Congress, contact [info@nhpcohan.org](mailto:info@nhpcohan.org).