

Serving Those Who Served: Providing Serious Illness Care To Veterans

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In recognition of Veterans Day, we will ensure the safety and dignity of our patients by working with healthcare facilities and Hospice of Southern Illinois' burgundy team to deliver the Veteran's recognition gift. Further, we'd like to invite you to provide one small gesture that could make a big impact to our Veterans! Join us on social media to honor to all veterans who've served our country, including our veteran employees. Liking, commenting, and sharing this information not only spreads awareness, but it helps show appreciation and recognition that is much deserved! "Thank you to all Veterans! I am proud to be a part of an organization that lets people know that they are cared about and appreciated. All Veterans go above and beyond serving our country and I, along with my team, appreciate their sacrifices. It is part of my duty to find ways to show gratitude for their service, even when I cannot see everyone face-to-face," shared Christine Litteken, Public Relations and Digital Communications Specialist.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, created the We Honor Veterans program to empower hospice and other healthcare providers across America to meet the unique needs of seriously ill Veterans and their families. Learn more about the We Honor Veterans program at www.WeHonorVeterans.org and about Hospice of Southern Illinois at <https://hospice.org/ourcare/we-honor-veterans-program/>.

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