



WE HONOR VETERANS

Heart of Hospice is proud to be the first Hospice in the Western United States, including Oregon and Washington, recognized by the Veteran's Administration as having attained their highest designation, Level 4.

Heart of Hospice is recognized by the Veteran's Administration as a Specially Trained Provider for Veteran's Hospice care

Because of the VA/Hospice Partnership ALL veterans are now eligible for Hospice benefits, even those who are not eligible for Medicare.

As a Four Star Preferred Provider, Heart of Hospice Social Workers are trained to handle the VA paperwork. Our Staff is trained in the special needs of Veterans, including those who served in wartime. We coordinate with local Veteran's organizations, and have Veteran-to-Veteran volunteers.

For more information about us, our team of Caregivers, grief support , frequently asked questions, or detailed discussions about our services, please visit us on-line at [www.HeartOfHospice.Org](http://www.HeartOfHospice.Org) or call our office at 541-386-1942.

For more information about volunteer opportunities or how to donate, visit us at [www.HeartOfHospiceFoundation.Org](http://www.HeartOfHospiceFoundation.Org)

For more information about the Veteran's Administration/ National Hospice and Palliative Care "We Honor Veterans" Program visit [www.WeHonorVeterans.org](http://www.WeHonorVeterans.org) or visit the Veteran's Administration at [www.VA.gov](http://www.VA.gov)

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# Heart of Hospice

## VETERANS

*Hospice Care Program*



*Addressing the Special Needs of  
Veterans  
at End of Life*



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## A Special Service for Our Veterans

There comes a time when an illness cannot be cured. At that time, hospice and palliative care services are a great benefit - a way to thank America's Veterans by providing them comfort, compassion and peace in their final days.

### What is Hospice?

Hospice care honors Veterans with choice, comfort and dignity at end of life. Providing Veterans with more choices regarding care during the final phase of their lives is critical.

Hospice provides a multi-disciplinary team of physicians, nurses, hospice aides, social workers, counselors, chaplains and volunteers to manage pain and symptoms, social, spiritual and emotional support.

The Veteran also receives medication and equipment, 24-hour on-call support, respite care, and bereavement support for family members.

### Who Pays for Veteran's Hospice Care?

Hospice care services are covered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Medicare and Medicaid, by private insurance, or by our own charitable care. No one is ever denied care based on their inability to pay, there is no co-pay and no deductible.

## Who Qualifies for the VA Hospice Benefit?

ALL Veterans are eligible for Hospice care if their treatment focuses on comfort care rather than curative care, and their life expectancy is expressed as months rather than years.

Veterans did not have to serve in wartime or combat to be eligible.

Heart of Hospice will take care of all paperwork and enrollment with the VA and will help you get all VA benefits available.

### Where is Hospice Care Provided?

Veterans may receive care in their home environment, including private homes, senior housing, assisted living and long-term care facilities, group homes, homeless shelters, nursing homes, hospitals, VA nursing care units, and Veteran's homes.

### How does the VA and Heart of Hospice Cooperate?

Veterans can receive care from both our Hospice and the VA at the same time. Heart of Hospice and VA staff work together to coordinate the Veteran's care, no matter where the care is provided.

*"We pledge to deliver expert pain management and medical care tailored to the Veteran's needs and wishes, and to provide emotional and spiritual support for the patient, family and friends."*

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