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### **Crater Community Hospice recognized as a *We Honor Veterans* partner**

It may surprise many people to learn that 25 percent of those who die every year in the U.S. are Veterans. To help provide care and support that reflect the important contributions made by these men and women, Crater Community Hospice has become a national partner of *We Honor Veterans*, a pioneering campaign developed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Crater Community Hospice has met stringent requirements that will help improve the care their team of professionals and volunteers provide to the Veterans they proudly serve. The nation is seeing many of the Veterans who served in World War II and Korea pass away—and the number of deaths of Vietnam Veterans is beginning to rise.

*We Honor Veterans*, a national campaign, provides recognition to organizations that demonstrate a systematic commitment to improving care for Veterans. Partners in the campaign integrate into their organization, best practices for providing end-of-life care to Veterans. By recognizing the unique needs of our nation's Veterans who are facing life-limiting illnesses,

Crater Community Hospice is able to accompany and guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. In cases where there might be some specific needs related to the Veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, Crater Community Hospice will find tools to help support Veterans and their families.

The Veterans Administration shares a common goal with our nation's hospices, and that is to provide the best possible care specifically tailored for Veterans, meeting their goals of care in their preferred setting. Working together and uniting services and skills, the VA and hospice, will channel combined strengths directly to Veterans - wherever they are receiving care. *We Honor Veterans* focuses on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with education of health care staff caring for Veterans. To learn more about *We Honor Veterans* please visit [www.cratercommunityhospice.org](http://www.cratercommunityhospice.org).

“Our Veterans have served our country at great personal sacrifice; it is our privilege to honor these men and women with the care and dignity they deserve,” added Brenda D. Mitchell, CEO of Crater Community Hospice.