

## Veterans Care & Support

To help meet the needs of the more than 200,000 veterans living in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties, Community Hospice & Palliative Care provides a comprehensive program focused on end-of-life care needs that are unique to military veterans and their families.

For some veterans, the psychological effects of combat can remain dormant for years, only to re-emerge when they are facing their own mortality. The Community Hospice & Palliative Care clinical team of physicians, nurses and expert counselors are educated and prepared to identify these needs and assist in the healing and resolution process for veterans and their loved ones.

Our organization provides a variety of services specially tailored to help meet the end-of-life care needs of veterans, including:

- Compassionate care when life expectancy is 12 months or less
- Care provided at home, in a hospital, long term care or assisted living facility, or in a Community Hospice Care inpatient center
- Specialized psychosocial support that focuses on a veteran's experience, including whether or not they saw combat
- Emotional, spiritual and caregiving support for veterans and their loved ones
- Comprehensive care covered by Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE and most private insurance plans—but no one is denied care based on inability to pay
- Ongoing clinical staff training to recognize and help address emotional, moral and spiritual pain that often results from combat and can impact the dying process
- Special recognition for veterans, including a commemorative pin and

certificate presentation, and a military flag placed outside a veteran's room at Community Hospice Care inpatient centers, and presented to family members after the loss



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Community Hospice & Palliative Care also is a Level Three Partner of We Honor Veterans, a program of the National Hospice & Palliative Care

Organization, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, which offers education and resources to hospice providers that serve veterans.

Community Hospice & Palliative Care is committed to being the provider of choice for veterans and their families in the communities we serve. **To refer a veteran to Community Hospice & Palliative Care, call 904.407.6500 (866.253.6681 toll free). Learn more about our specialized care and support at [CommunityHospice.com](http://CommunityHospice.com).**



## Community Hospice Veterans Partnership

Many veterans have unique needs at the end of life. Many suffer emotional, social or spiritual injuries that impact the dying experience.

The **Community Hospice Veterans Partnership (CHVP)** is committed to establishing a strategy to reach the men and women who need the compassionate care of Community Hospice & Palliative Care. Established in 2007, the CHVP is a coalition comprised of individuals from Community Hospice & Palliative Care, the Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, community organizations, corporations and others working to ensure that excellent end-of-life care is available to the more than 200,000 veterans living in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties.

Community Hospice & Palliative Care was established in 1979 as the first hospice program in Northeast Florida. The nonprofit organization has served nearly 200,000 children and adults—at home, in long-term and assisted living communities, at hospitals and through its eight Community Hospice Care inpatient centers.

CHVP initiatives include:

- **Outreach** — CHVP members support veterans in need of hospice care through educational outreach efforts and partnering with numerous veterans service groups throughout the community, including the Jacksonville National VA Cemetery Advisory Committee; the Family Festival and Salute to Troops; the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce annual Military Appreciation Luncheon, and the City of Jacksonville Veterans Services Division and annual Veterans Day parade.

- **Veterans History Project** — The mission of the Veterans History Project is to collect and archive the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans to honor their service and share their stories with current and future generations. CHVP volunteers are scheduling, conducting and recording taped interviews with area veterans. The project is a partnership with the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.
- **Speaking Opportunities** — Members of the CHVP are available to speak at civic and social organization meetings, veterans' organizations, houses of worship and other interested groups.

**For information about the CHVP, contact Toula Wootan, director of community programs at Community Hospice & Palliative Care, at 904.407.6211 or email [twootan@communityhospice.com](mailto:twootan@communityhospice.com).**

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