

We Honor Veterans, a program of NHPCO and VA, is designed to empower hospice professionals to meet the unique needs of dying Veterans. The program teaches respectful inquiry, compassionate listening and grateful acknowledgement – to comfort patients with a history of military service and possibly physical or psychological trauma.

## Lewis County Hospice is available to help our Veteran patients by:

Meeting the unique needs of Veterans patients through emotional support, pain management and much more.

Providing our patients with Veteran Volunteers that have similar experiences and can offer companionship and support.

Special recognition for your service to our country.

Respecting boundaries and realizing the possibility our Veteran patients may not be comfortable discussing their military experiences or want special recognition.

## **Lewis County Hospice**

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## **We Honor Veterans**

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Watertown VA Outpatient Clinic 315-221-7026

Watertown Vet Center 315-782-5479

Rome VA Outpatient Clinic 315-334-7100

Lewis County General Hospital

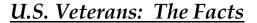
& Residential Health Care Facility











- 26 Million Veterans are alive today
- 25% of all U.S. deaths are Veterans
- More then 1800 Veterans die each day
- The VA cares for a minority of Veterans at the end of life-96% die in their community
- Only 33% of all Veterans are enrolled in the VA to receive benefits



Lewis County Hospice

Lewis County Hospice recognizes the needs of the "whole" person. We promote quality of life through holistic comfort care for the terminally ill & their loved ones. Our approach provides for the physical, social and spiritual dimensions of care and support. Along with the services provided by the hospice interdisciplinary team, we also cover the following:

- Pain and symptom management
- Instruction in and guidance in the care of the patient
- Emotional, psychosocial and spiritual support
- Medications, nursing supplies and durable medical equipment related to the patient's terminal illness

American Veterans and their loved ones may have unique needs.

These needs may be influenced by:

- Combat or non combat experience
- Which war they served in
- If they were POWs
- If they have/had PTSD
- The branch of service and their rank
- Whether they were enlisted or drafted
- Whether they were injured and have war related physical pain