

# Honoring Military Caregivers with Compassionate Hospice Support

## Recognizing the Service Behind the Service

Military families understand the meaning of sacrifice—both in service to the country and in caring for their loved ones. Military caregivers embody selflessness, often providing unwavering support to aging or terminally ill family members. As a hospice provider, we recognize the distinct challenges these caregivers face and are dedicated to providing compassionate, specialized care that honors their journey.

## Understanding the Unique Needs of Military Families

The journey of a military caregiver is often shaped by resilience, routine relocations, and the profound impact of service-related injuries or illnesses. Many veterans may face conditions linked to their service, such as **chronic pain, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Agent Orange-related illnesses, and service-connected disabilities**. These factors require a hospice provider who is **deeply attuned to the complexities of military caregiving and the unique emotional, medical, and logistical needs of these families**.





## Why Military Caregivers Need Specialized Hospice Support

Military caregivers face **higher rates of stress, depression, and financial strain** compared to civilian caregivers (Ramchand et al., 2014). According to the RAND Corporation, military caregivers provide an average of **10+ additional hours of care per week** compared to non-military caregivers, often navigating complex health conditions related to service (Ramchand et al., 2014).

Furthermore, up to **30% of post-9/11 military caregivers** experience **clinically significant mental health challenges** while supporting their loved ones (Tanielian et al., 2018). Our hospice services alleviate this burden by offering **comprehensive, holistic support** to both the patient and caregiver.

### Partnering with Medical Providers to Support Military Families

Medical professionals play a crucial role in guiding military families toward the specialized hospice care they deserve. If you are a provider caring for a veteran or military family, consider referring them to our hospice services to ensure:

- ✓ **Compassionate, veteran-centered care**
- ✓ **Expert management of service-connected illnesses and PTSD-related distress**
- ✓ **Supportive resources tailored for military caregivers**

### Take the Next Step

If you are a **medical provider**, we invite you to refer military caregivers and their loved ones to our hospice program. If you are a **military caregiver**, we are here to walk this journey with you.

**Call us today to learn how we can support you and your loved one.**



*We salute your service and honor your sacrifice—both in uniform and in caregiving*

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