

## WE HONOR OUR VETERANS



OLD COLONY HOSPICE HAS IMPLEMENTED AN INNOVATIVE MODEL FOR SERVING VETERANS AT THE END OF LIFE.

OUR VETERAN TO VETERAN PROGRAM AIMS TO PAIR VETERAN VOLUNTEERS WITH HOSPICE PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS VETERANS.

ONCE PAIRED WITH HOSPICE PATIENTS WHO ALSO HAVE MILITARY EXPERIENCE, VETERAN VOLUNTEERS HAVE THE UNIQUE ABILITY TO RELATE AND CONNECT WITH VETERAN PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

## OUR MISSION

The Old Colony Hospice team compassionately cares for individuals and their loved ones coping with complex illnesses and end of life needs while preserving dignity and quality of life.

## OUR VISION

To make the end of life care experience better for the people we serve.



## Veteran-to-Veteran Program Description

Witnessing the profound relationships and bonds between our veteran volunteers and veteran patients is amazing. Many families report that, through this program, it is the first time they hear their loved ones speak about their time in the service.

Old Colony Hospice focuses on a single purpose: to provide comfort and support at the end of life. We recognize that our Veterans have a unique life story and a unique set of needs. Learning how to serve this population through the challenges they may be facing from illness, isolation or traumatic life experience is a very important part of our mission.

Our Veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country and we believe it is never too late to give them a hero's welcome home. Now it is time that we step up, acquire the necessary skills and fulfill our mission to serve these men and women with the dignity they deserve.

Old Colony Hospice was one of the first hospice organizations in Massachusetts to achieve We Honor Veterans Level Three status. The We Honor Veterans campaign provides tiered recognition to organizations that demonstrate a systematic commitment to improving care for veterans. "Partners" assess their ability to serve veterans and integrate best practices for providing end-of-life care to veterans. Old Colony Hospice met stringent requirements to achieve level three, helping to improve the care that staff and volunteers provides to the veterans they serve.

