



Hospice and Palliative Care

Hospice and Palliative Care provides compassionate and supportive care at the end of life to our veterans and their families. Our dedicated staff provides emotional, social and spiritual support, in addition to control of pain and other symptoms.

Home Hospice Care

Enrolled veterans, who meet hospice guidelines, are entitled to home hospice care. We can enroll a veteran with a terminal illness quickly. Medicare, VA or other insurance cover hospice services costs.

Home Hospice Care Includes:

- ★ Skilled nursing
- ★ Medications
- ★ Home health aide
- ★ Medical equipment
- ★ Social worker
- ★ Chaplain
- ★ Volunteers
- ★ Physical therapy
- ★ Occupational therapy
- ★ Bereavement



Contact Information



HPCANYS: (518) 446-1483



VISN 2 (Upstate New York)

VA Albany Medical Center
(518) 626-6090 or 343-9757

VA Bath Medical Center
(607) 664-4537

VA Western NY Healthcare System at Buffalo
(716) 862-8541 or (800) 532-8387 ext. 8541

VA Canandaigua Medical Center
(585) 393-7924 or (800) 204-9917 ext. 37924

VA Syracuse Medical Center
(315) 425-3438



VISN 3 (Downstate New York)

VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System
(845) 831-2000 ext. 5478

VA James J. Peters-Bronx Medical Center
(718) 584-9000 ext. 3433

VA New York Harbor Healthcare System
(718) 836-6000 ext. 1433

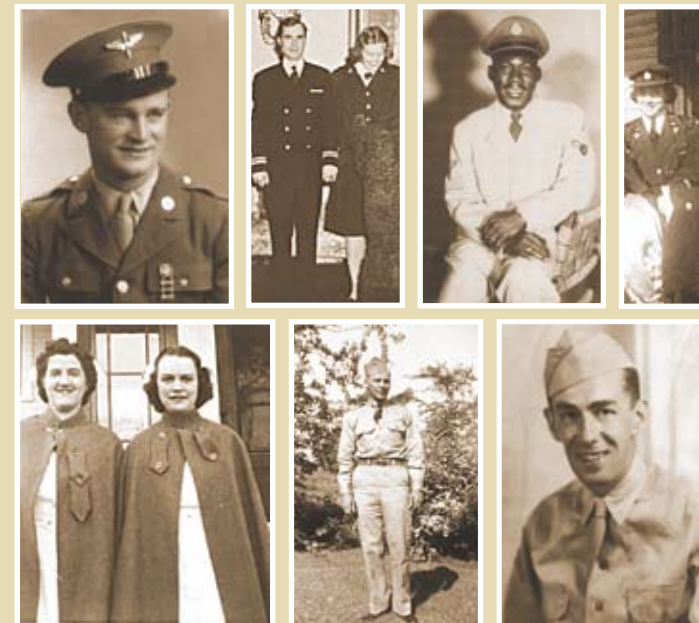
VA Northport Medical Center
(631) 261-4400 ext. 2959

On the web

HPCANYS: www.hpcanys.org
Department of Veterans Affairs: www.va.gov
National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization:
www.nhpco.org



Hospice Veteran
Partnership of
New York State



*Honoring Veterans'
Preferences for
Care at the End of Life*



What is the New York State Hospice Veterans Partnership?



Our Hospice Veterans Partnership has members from Hospice & Palliative Care Association of NYS (HPCANYS), hospice agencies, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers, NYS Veteran Nursing Homes, veteran service groups and community organizations. We work together to provide end of life care to our nation's veterans and give support to their families.

We have joined forces to:

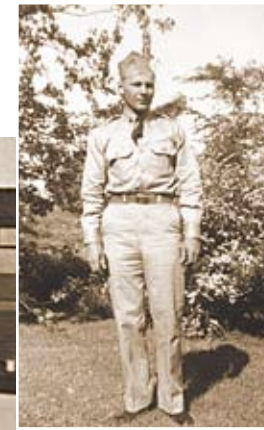
- ★ Strengthen relationships between the community and the VA
- ★ Raise awareness of the unique needs of veterans at the end of life
- ★ Improve access to hospice and palliative care at all sites and in all settings.

What is our mission?

Our mission is to provide an enduring network of hospice and VA professionals, veterans, and volunteers working with other interested organizations to provide high quality services through the end of life for veterans and support for their families.

Our HVP Partners Are:

- ★ Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State (HPCANYS)
- ★ Hospice Providers
- ★ VA Networks 2 and 3
 - VA Medical Centers
 - VA Nursing Homes
 - VA Community-based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs)
- ★ NYS Veteran Nursing Homes
- ★ Veteran Service Organizations
- ★ State Veteran Groups



What is Hospice Care?

Hospice care staff provides skilled, compassionate care to patients and their families. Staff gives them the support, help and guidance they need during an advanced illness.



What is Palliative Care?

To palliate means to make comfortable, by treating a person's symptoms from an illness. Palliative care can still be given while a person is seeking curative treatment.

Hospice and palliative care both focus on helping a person be comfortable. Hospice staff addresses issues that cause physical or emotional pain, or suffering. The goal of both Hospice and palliative care is to improve the quality of a seriously ill person's life.

HPCANYS

The Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State is a not-for-profit organization representing hospice and palliative care programs, allied organizations and individuals that are interested in the development and growth of quality, comprehensive end of life services. Our mission is to promote the availability and accessibility of quality hospice and palliative care for all persons in New York State confronted with life-limiting illness.

About Our VA Medical Centers

New York State has two Veterans Integrated Service Networks: VISN2 (Upstate) and VISN3 (Downstate). There are 9 VA Medical Centers with nursing homes and outpatient clinics. Palliative Care Consults are available at all settings and levels of care.

VA Mission

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan."

—Abraham Lincoln