

Veteran Volunteer Highlights



August 2019: Operation Cookie Drop Girls Scouts Heart of the Hudson.

Boxes of Girl Scout Cookies were donated for our Veterans and families. The Girl Scouts made beautiful Thank You for Your Service Cards.

They received a presentation about our We Honor Veterans Partnership and We Honor Veterans Program.



Veteran Volunteers, Peter Adams and Dave Wilcox spoke to the troops and explained the importance of honoring and recognizing our Veterans. The troops saw the Certificate of Service, We Honor Veterans Pin, Thank You Card and Patriotic Blanket presented to our Veterans in Recognition of their service to our Country. The Veteran Volunteers were thrilled to speak to the Girls Scout Troops and the Scouts said it was the best Operation Cookie Drop they had been a part of.



Veterans in the Numbers

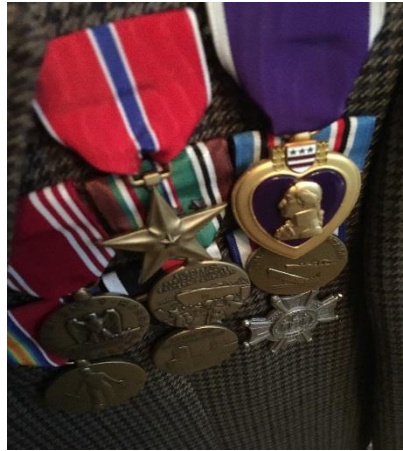


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Total Number of Veterans Served in 2019



In the News!



Mid-Hudson News: May 27, 2019: NEWBURGH – World War II Veteran John Peter Hastings has been given an Honor Salute from Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties.

<https://midhudsonnews.com/2019/05/27/hospice-of-orange-and-sullivan-gives-honor-salute-to-wwii-vet/>

News Break NEWBURGH – World War II Veteran John Peter Hastings has been given an Honor Salute from Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties. Hastings served as an Army sergeant in Unit F Company, 414th Infantry Division. He served from 1941 to 1945. Read Full Story

https://www.newsbreak.com/new-york/new-hamburg/daily-news/2019/05/27?s=ws_em



Second Annual Veterans Breakfast



Hospice Veteran Volunteer Story

Best Moments from Level 5

The Paul V. Rader Veteran 2 Veteran Award

In May of 2019 Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. initiated The Paul V. Rader Veteran 2 Veteran Award. This award was created in honor and in memory of a very special Hospice Veteran Volunteer, Paul Rader. It acknowledges his dedication to the care of the veterans served by our agency. The award challenges us all to emulate his commitment and drive and to continue his legacy.

Paul began as a volunteer for the agency in spring 2017. During the training he spoke about the pain of losing his wife, Diane, who died at home under the care of our agency's clinical team. It was clear that Paul intended on using his grief and pain as a springboard, determined to use that experience in the hopes of helping others.

As our agency began building our Hospice Veteran Volunteer Program in the fall of 2017, Paul embraced the opportunities to be a companion to another veteran, and faithfully visited with the veteran and family with whom he was matched. His dependable and friendly presence was a comfort to the veteran and the family. His compassion was palatable and comforting. Paul stood out in his commitment and drive to support other Veterans and their families. In Feb. 2018 Paul became the agency's first Veteran Lead Volunteer and assisted the agency with Veteran outreach to grow this special volunteer program.

Veteran Paul Rader was a Navy man through and through, and he made it his life's mission to continue to serve our Veterans through our Vet 2 Vet volunteer program.

It is with deep sorrow that an Honor Recognition and Salute, Paul had given to dozens of Veterans, was given to him in March 2019. Paul V. Rader passed away with his family by his side on March 17, 2019.



Veteran Paul Rader recognized and saluted dozens of our Veterans



In March 2019 Paul received his own recognition and Honor Salute at The Kaplan Family Hospice Residence.





The inaugural award was given to Paul's family at our 2nd Annual Veterans Breakfast in May 2019. In the years to come, we will honor Paul's wish of "doing more" by recognizing future Veteran Volunteers with this award who demonstrate similar commitment to the hospice veterans and their families.



Approximately 200 Veterans were thanked for their service at our May 2019 Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and all received a special Veterans pin.

Please Visit our Hospice Website Veteran Page

<https://hospiceoforange.com/veterans-care/>



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Outside of the requirement

Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Inc. continues to develop relationships with Senior Centers by engaging the crafters to make patriotic blankets for Veterans on our program. These relationships have allowed our agency to speak to many seniors about Hospice care and services and our We Honor Veterans Program.

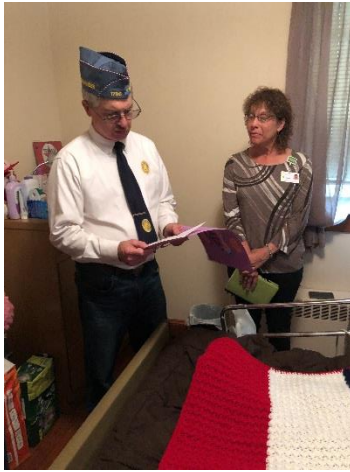
- Cornwall Stickers/Cornwall Seniors
- Mulberry House Crafters
- Mamakating Seniors/The Chain Gang
- Greenwood Lake Senior Center
- Mid-Hudson Retired Teachers Association (MARTA)
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Walden and individuals who continue to provide us with blankets.



Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties has made and continues to make great relationships with the Veteran Organizations throughout our service areas. The Veterans partner with us to assist in the honor salutes we give to those Veterans who served our nation and who are now being cared for by our Hospice.

- Orange County American Legions -8
- Sullivan County Am. Legions - 2
- Orange County VFW's -3
- American Catholic War Veterans - 2
- Rolling Thunder - 1
- Marine Corps League -1
- Military Order of the Purple Heart -1





Hospice works with local schools, Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups for handmade children thank you cards for our Veterans as part of our Honor Salute Recognitions.



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Moments to Honor made possible by Hospice



WE HONOR VETERANS



Veteran Louis DeAngelo,
February 19, 2018



Veteran Siegfried Gruen,
February 4, 2018

By Janice Valentino

This past year, as part of our We Honor Veterans program, we have had the privilege to honor and recognize many of the veterans in our care. It surprises many people to learn that one in four dying Americans is a Veteran. America's veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country and we believe it is never too late to honor them for the sacrifices they have made in serving us. We will continue to honor and provide more moments of life for our veterans on behalf of their amazing selfless actions given to protect our Nation and its people.

Our Veterans receive a recognition of their choice that includes a hospice veteran pin, certificate of service, a thank you card from a child, and a patriotic blanket. Some also receive an Honor Salute if they choose.

We thank the Veteran Organizations who assist in performing Honor Salutes and our community crafters who make the patriotic blankets.

Below are some of the recognitions and salutes provided to Honor our Veterans in 2018.



Veteran Richard Oetner, January 18, 2018



Veteran Stanley Englert, July 6, 2018



Veteran Robert Scott, October 1, 2018



Veteran Patsy Garzone, July 30, 2018

**All photos have a signed consent to publish*

THE FOCUS

Fall 2019



Moments of Shared Experiences Continue...

By Janice Valentino

As part of a Hospice Care Team, all patients are offered a very special team member, a Hospice Volunteer. Those who accept this team member, are always grateful.

As a Hospice Volunteer and now a Veteran Volunteer, Peter Adams has had many different experiences these last eight years in his role. Pete explains, "Sometimes I have patients who do not want to talk, Jim was not like that. He is like the guy you meet in the next seat on an airplane, open to pass the time talking as he journeys to his destination."

Pete is talking about Veteran James Sullivan. When Pete first went to Jim's home for a visit, they soon found out they had a mutual interest and admiration for more than being Veterans of WWII (Jim) and Korea (Pete). "We found that we both had appreciation of the boxing era from 1945-1960. Graziano, Zale, Sugar Ray Robinson," said Pete. "We investigated things we were not sure of through the internet, finding out old info, new info, solving many questions we had about our common interest."

They really enjoyed their Friday afternoon visits, and as time went by, found out they had more in common. After Jim came back from serving, he became a Police Officer and later a Fireman in NYC, between 1952 - 1958. Jim patrolled a beat from 110th - 121st Street West, near Columbia University. Turns out, Peter, ten years his junior,



Jim Sullivan and Pete Adams

was a student there at the same time.

Wow, Peter thought, could be we both crossed each other's path all those years ago. "You never know," said Pete with a little wink, "I was always involved with something on campus."

They continue their weekly visits, Jim, "the man sitting in the next seat on a plane", as Pete first described, have become close friends and look forward to sharing both old and new experiences in life as their journey continues.



Veteran James Sullivan's Honor Salute provided by American Legion Post 377, Goshen, NY



Hospice Veterans Appreciation Breakfast Debuts New Veteran2Veteran Award.



Our annual Veteran Appreciation Breakfast was held on May 2nd at West Hills Country Club honoring our Veterans who filled the room to near capacity. Each of the twenty tables was proudly sponsored by local businesses and families.

A presentation of the Hospice Veterans Program included photos of recognitions and honor salutes provided in 2018. A beautiful video of an Honor Salute that was given to Veteran Sigmund Gruen, provided by his grandson, a senior West Point Cadet, conveyed emotion to all. (video can be viewed on the Hospice of Orange and Sullivan YouTube channel)

An emotional personal testimony from Marie Murphy of New Windsor was given for the care and respect received by her father, Patsy Garzone at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence. Marie spoke of what it meant to her father when he received his Honor Salute, thanking him for his service in the US Navy during WWII.

Our program ended with the debut of a special Veteran2Veteran Award in Memory of Paul V. Rader. Paul began his journey with Hospice when his beloved wife Diane was in our care. In 2017, Paul became a Hospice Volunteer and soon after a Veteran to Veteran Volunteer. A Veteran himself, Paul was devoted to the care of our Veterans. In 2018 Paul took the position as Lead Veteran Volunteer and handled all Honor Recognitions and Salutes.

Paul was an inspiration to us all and assisted in growing our Veteran to Veteran Volunteer Program. In April 2019, Paul received his own Recognition and Honor Salute at our

Kaplan Family Hospice Residence. On that day, Paul remarked, "I have come full circle. I know about Hospice as a caregiver, a volunteer and now a patient."

In his memory, the Paul V. Rader Veteran2Veteran Volunteer Award will be given to a Veteran Volunteer who represents the dedication to Veterans in our care as Paul did.

To find out more about the Veterans Program and opportunities for a Veteran to become a Hospice Veteran2Veteran Volunteer, visit: hospiceoforange.com/veterans-care/

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MSG Mary Kay Messenger from the United States Military Academy sang our National Anthem and TSgt. Alexander E. Javier-Hernandez, of the 105th AirB Wing Honor Guard.



The inaugural Veteran2Veteran Award was presented to Paul Rader's family. Brother-in-Law Rick Kinkade, Brother Kenny Rader, Kim Warner, Dr. Bereavement and Social Work and Charlie Alonga, of Rolling Thunder, NY Ch. 3.



In Memory of
Paul V. Rader
April 17, 2019



Marie Murphy gave her testimonial about her Dad, Veteran Patsy Garzone.



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