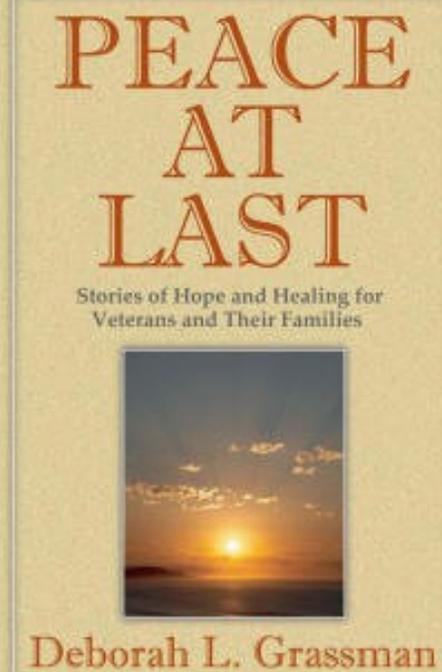


# *Wounded Warrior Through Peace at Last*

## **Honoring & Caring For Veterans Workshop**



**Deborah Grassman, RN, MS, NP**

VA Medical Center, Bay Pines, Florida

Deborah Grassman has been with the VA for 26 years and has been the Director of the Hospice program at the VA for the last 15 years. She is a featured speaker at Hospice and VA conferences throughout the United States and has published numerous articles on providing Hospice care to Veterans. She pioneered identifying the effects of past trauma on the quality of a person's dying process, as well as ways to effectively respond to issues that surface at the end of life. She is the author of the book, *Peace at Last: Stories of Hope and Healing for Veterans and Their Families*. Deborah graduated from the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida in 1997 with a Masters Degree in Psych-Mental Health Nursing and received her Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing from the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg in 1986.

Please join us on November 3, 2011, for an exciting learning opportunity that presents age-old concepts in a new and refreshing way. Deborah Grassman will talk about ways that dying veterans and their families are affected by the military culture. If you are a veteran, know a veteran, or care for a veteran, you will be both inspired and educated by stories that will open your mind and your heart to ways that you can enhance healing at the end of veterans' lives.

## HONORING VETERANS

It may surprise many people to learn that 25 percent of those who die every year in the U.S. are Veterans. To help provide care and support that reflect the important contributions made by these men and women, Carondelet Hospice and Palliative Care has become a national partner of **We Honor Veterans**, a pioneering campaign developed by National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As a **We Honor Veterans** Partner, Carondelet Hospice and Palliative Care will implement ongoing Veteran-centered education for their staff and volunteers to help improve the care they provide to the Veterans they proudly serve. The nation is seeing many of the Veterans who served in World War II and Korean pass away—and the number of deaths of Vietnam Veterans is beginning to rise.

The **We Honor Veterans** campaign provides tiered recognition to organizations that demonstrate a systematic commitment to improving care for Veterans. “Partners” can assess their ability to serve Veterans and, using resources provided as part of the campaign, integrate best practices for providing end-of-life care to Veterans into their organization. By recognizing the unique needs of our nation’s Veterans who are facing a life-limiting illness, Carondelet Hospice and Palliative Care is better able to accompany and guide Veterans and their families toward a more peaceful ending. And in cases where there might be some specific needs related to the Veteran’s military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, Carondelet Hospice and Palliative Care will find tools to help support those they are caring for.

“All hospices are serving Veterans but often aren’t aware of that person’s service in the armed forces,” said J. Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO. “Through **We Honor Veterans** we are taking a giant step forward in helping hospice and palliative care providers understand and serve Veterans at the end of life and work more effectively with VA medical facilities in their communities.”

“VA shares a common goal with our nation’s hospices, and that is to provide the best possible care specifically tailored for Veterans, meeting their goals of care in their preferred setting. As we focus on working together and unite our services and skills, **We Honor Veterans** will channel our combined strengths directly to Veterans - wherever they are receiving care.”

The resources of **We Honor Veterans** focus on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening, and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with Veteran-centric education of health care staff caring for Veterans. To learn more about **We Honor Veterans** or to support this important work via a secure, online donation, please visit [www.wehonorveterans.org](http://www.wehonorveterans.org).

“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 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,” added Schumacher.

# NOVEMBER CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP

## Conference Registration Fees

Carondelet Hospice & Palliative Care is offering this conference for **FREE** to Veterans, and charging only \$15 for their guests.

The fee for professionals seeking Continuing Education Credits is \$45.

**Thursday, November 3, 2011**

**7:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**DoubleTree Hotel  
445 S. Alvernon Way  
Tucson, AZ 85711**

## Agenda

**7:30am- Registration, Continental breakfast**

**8:15am- 9:55 am Wounded Warriors: Their Last Battle-**

Combat soldiers have frequently seen the worst mankind has to offer. War changes them in fundamental ways, inflicting emotional, spiritual, social, and moral injuries that impact them throughout their lives. Discover the ways to yield the treasures of courage, honesty, and humility required to reckon with war-time traumas and fears.

**9:55am-10:15am- Break**

**10:15am-11:55am-The Hero Within Us-** This is an exciting learning opportunity that presents age-old concepts in a new and refreshing way. You will learn concepts about the process of abiding, reckoning and beholding suffering so that suffering can be re-deemed.

**12:00 pm- 1:00 pm-Lunch Break with Keynote Speech**

**1:00 pm - 1:15 pm - Break**

**1:15 pm- 2:55 pm Peace at Last: Stories of Hope and Healing for Veterans and Their Families.** Join author Deborah Grassman on her journey of discovering the unique experiences of veterans as they near the end of life. You will laugh. You will cry. You will be inspired.

**Book signing immediately following.**

## *Wounded Warrior Through Peace at Last* **Honoring & Caring For Veterans Workshop** **Registration Form**

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*No refunds will be given for cancellations received after 10/14/11*

Please mail check or payment information and registration to:

**Carondelet Hospice & Palliative Care  
Wounded Warrior Through Peace at Last  
630 N. Alvernon Way, Ste. 361  
Tucson, Arizona 85711**

**Phone: (520) 205-7575 Fax: (520) 205-7598**

**Email: [susan.howard@carondelet.org](mailto:susan.howard@carondelet.org)**

Continuing Education Credits offered through:

- Board of Registered Nursing
- National Association of Social Workers
- Board of Examiners of Nursing Care Institution Administrators and Assisted Living Facility Managers
- Southern Arizona Psychological Association

"I would recommend this seminar highly to all health care workers. The cases that Deborah Grassman poignantly presents throughout the seminar give much needed insights into the specific needs of veterans at end-of-life... A message I will remember for a long time."

Margaret H. Davis, RN



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## Annual Tree of Memories

Year after year, Carondelet Hospice & Palliative Care celebrates the loved ones we have lost in a beautiful ceremony each December. Our evening begins with the creation of memorial stars; handwritten messages to loved ones, placed on our tree. We read the names aloud to honor those who have passed this year and years before. Together, we sing, we remember, and we congregate with one another to cherish the memories we have.

**If you would like to attend one of our Tree of Memories this December, please call 520-205-7575 for an invitation.**

Tucson– December 7, 2011

Green Valley– December 13, 2011

Nogales– December 13, 2011

