Hope VALOR Honors Veterans Day with Pinning Ceremony

FORT MYERS, FL (Nov. 15, 2022) – Hope Healthcare hosted a Veterans Day pinning ceremony on Nov. 11 at Discovery Commons in Fort Myers. Resident veterans received commemorative American flag pins from Hope Honor Guard volunteers following a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the national anthem.

Hope Honor Guard volunteers are the heart of the Hope VALOR program, which provides formal recognition ceremonies for men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces as part of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization’s We Honor Veterans program. Members of the Hope Honor Guard visit families in their homes, skilled nursing or assisted living facilities, or at Hope Care Centers. Honor Guard volunteers assist with health fairs, special events, flag raising or flag retiring ceremonies throughout Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. They also participate in the Veterans History Project, facilitated by the Library of Congress, which documents stories and recollections of our nation’s heroes.

Hope volunteers must be at least 14 years old and are able to choose the locations, dates and times that work with their personal preferences and schedule. Those who have recently lost a loved one are encouraged to wait one year before joining. Military experience is not required to be a Hope Honor Guard volunteer, but veterans are encouraged to volunteer. To learn more about becoming a member of the Hope Honor Guard visit HopeHCS.org/Volunteer.

For more information about Hope Healthcare, visit HopeHCS.org.

In the photo below, Hope Honor Guard volunteer and veteran Harry “Sarge” Megara (right) acknowledges WWII U.S. Army veteran Gerald Lyon, a resident of Discovery Commons, for his service.