



WOUNDED WARRIORS AND WHAT THEY CAN TEACH US

HONOR AND CARING FOR VETERANS AT THE END OF LIFE

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008

AMERICAN LEGION POST 29 ~ CHADBOURNE-MERRILL ~ DOVER FOXCROFT

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 6TH! Pine Tree Hospice and the American Legion Post in Dover-Foxcroft are collaborating on an educational program, "*Wounded Warriors and What They Can Teach Us.*" This powerful and meaningful presentation will provide information on the psychological impact of war on veterans and valuable end-of-life material directed to Veterans, their families and their caregivers (personal and professional).

More than 600,000 veterans die each year. In 2001, 25% of Americans who died were veterans. However, most veterans do not die in a Veterans' Affairs medical center. Therefore, it is important for healthcare providers in all settings to be familiar with the often unique needs of the veteran population, especially with regard to chronic terminal illness at the end of life. The program will focus on several ways the caregivers can provide this special care making the end of life process a time of healing for a wounded spirit.

Guest speakers include Dr. Patrick Daly, Palliative Care Director at the Veterans Administration, and Kandyce Powell, Executive Director of the Maine Hospice Council and Chair of the National Hospice/Veterans Advisory Committee, who will discuss the (first in the nation) Hospice/Veterans Partnership, status of Veterans, hospice care in Maine and local community referrals and services for Veterans. Representative Pete Johnson from the Cecil R. Cole Post # 94 in Greenville and Pine Tree Hospice Board President, Sue Mackey Andrews, will also be addressing the group.

Doors will open for social time at 4:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m. The program portion of the evening will take place from 5:45 – 8:45 p.m.

For additional information about the program, please call Ed Conroy, American Legion Post #29 Commander at 564-3265 or Cynthia Scott, Executive Director of Pine Tree Hospice at 564-4359.

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