



WE HONOR VETERANS

# Because It's Never Too Late To Say "Thank You"

*Inspired by the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II, NewBridge Bank and the Greensboro Grasshoppers are teaming up with Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro (HPCG), Hanes-Lineberry Funeral Services and Greensboro Elks Lodge #602 to raise awareness about the **We Honor Veterans** initiative.*



Paul Goble

For years, Paul Goble put a lighthearted spin on his WWII stories. In reality, he faced many perilous times. He served as a flight engineer on 36 B-17 missions, one of which took him **behind enemy lines** on D-Day.

Fortunately, Goble could talk about these memories with his volunteer at **Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro (HPCG)**, John Reece, a fellow Air Force Veteran.

"Paul and I hit it off on our very first visit," said Reece. Though Goble was 96 and in declining health, his memory was sharp. For over a year, the two men built a relationship, sharing some of the darkest times from the war. Each realized that **faith, family and love of country** had sustained them.

As a **We Honor Veterans** partner, HPCG is dedicated to providing specialized comfort and support to Veterans at the end of life. The Vet-to-Vet program pairs Veteran patients with Veteran volunteers so that they can understand and comfort one another.

Goble's daughter, Joan Giordano, is grateful for the support Reece and HPCG provided her father. Despite his emotional burden from the war and his physical limitations, Goble remained optimistic. "He never complained," said Giordano, "He got up every morning and gazed out the window and declared '**Another beautiful day!**'"

To learn more, visit: [hospicego.org/whv](http://hospicego.org/whv)

