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# **Avow Honors Local Veterans at** 8<sup>th</sup> **Annual Armed Forces Celebration**

Dozens of Veterans from all branches recognized

NAPLES, FL – (May 23, 2024) – Local Veterans from various branches of the military convened at Avow's 8th Annual Armed Forces Celebration. The event, held on May 17 provided a tribute to those who have served or are currently serving our nation with valor and sacrifice.

Highlights of the event included a powerful keynote address by Robert Fulton, a Vietnam Veteran and Cobra Gunship pilot, who shared insights from his distinguished military and civilian flying career. Veterans and guests also enjoyed special readings, patriotic songs, a ceremonial gun salute, the playing of Taps, and the poignant Missing Man Table recognition.

This annual celebration not only serves as a day of deep respect and gratitude but also as a crucial part of Avow's ongoing commitment to recognizing the heroic service of our Veterans. Throughout the year, Avow distributes approximately 2,000 pins to honor veterans for their service.

Avow is a Level 5 Partner with We Honor Veterans, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) in collaboration with the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). In 2023, nearly 25% of all hospice patients admitted to Avow were identified as Veterans.

## **About Avow:**

Avow was founded in 1983 as Collier County's original, nonprofit hospice. Today, Avow's nonprofit companies provide palliative care consultations for adults facing chronic or serious illness and hospice care and bereavement support services for children and adults. To learn more about the scope of services provided by Avow, call 239-261-4404 or visit avowcares.org.

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