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Honor Guard

Oncology Nurses Connecting in Connecticut

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The CT Nurses Honor Guard is...



By nurses, for nurses.



A group of active or retired nurses - LPN / ADN / RN / APRN or Student Nurses who volunteer their time to honor their fallen colleagues at their funeral service.

Our History

- The Nurses Honor Guard (NHG) was started in the state of Kansas in 2003.
- In 2005, Julia Godby-Murray of Michigan started spreading the idea of the NHG nationally.
- After hearing about the NHG from Julia in January of 2021, Athena Mains, Maria Cusano-Sanzo and Shaina Hamel randomly met and started the Connecticut Nurses Honor Guard.
- Planning and recruitment started in the Spring of 2021.
- Our first CT tribute was presented in October 2021.
- We are growing, are eager and hopeful for our future of honoring our fellow nurses!

CTNHG Mission and Vision

- Mission

- To honor fallen colleagues and provide comfort to their families by reading the Nightingale tribute at their services.

- Vision

- To read the Nightingale tribute for every nurse who passes in Connecticut



The Tribute

What is it?

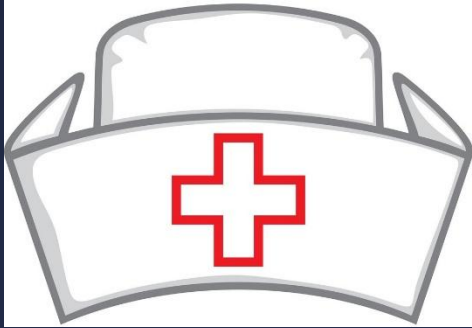
- Dressed in traditional white uniforms with a Nurse's cap and Nightingale cape, we gather to recite the Nightingale Tribute for a fallen nurse at their funeral.
- At the end of this tribute, we release the nurse from their nursing duties.
- Ideally, at least three members will attend a tribute. (We will not decline a tribute even if only one or two can attend.)
- Our tribute is free of charge and is coordinated with help from funeral directors, and friends or families who know of our services.



The Tribute

The Details

- Typically, one nurse lights and holds the lamp, one holds the rose, one rings the triangle, one reads the tribute.
- When the tribute is done, the lamp and tribute are given to a designated member or members of the family.
- The rose may be placed on top of the casket or near the urn, unless the family requests to receive it.
- Each tribute is personalized for the fallen nurse, and is modified to meet the needs of the family and / or location.



The Tribute

Locations

- Funeral Homes
- Churches
- Cemeteries
- Other

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- Living Tributes
- Flag Raisings
- Parades

Other Activities

Statistics

- Number of active nurses in the CTNHG: 125
- Number of members on private Facebook page: 379
- Number of members on public Facebook page: 767
- Number of tributes to date: 225
- Average number of tributes per week: 4.2
- Most tributes in one day: 4
- Average number of nurses at a tribute: 4.6
- Cost of tribute: ???

Fun Facts

- Average years of nursing experience:
- Age of oldest volunteer:
- We wear crocheted hearts
- We have social gatherings to encourage and celebrate each other

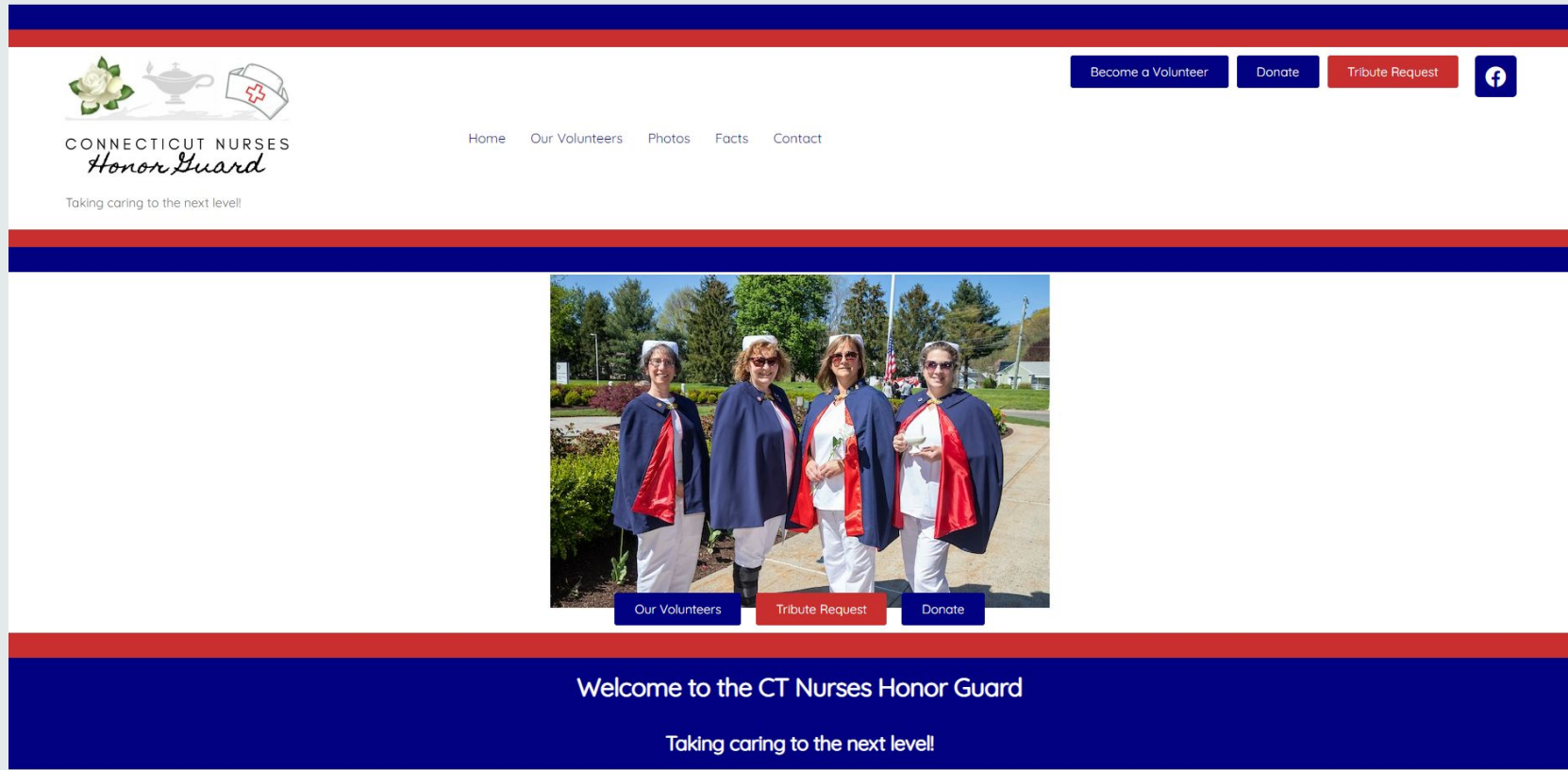
Cape Trivia

- Why did nurses wear capes?
- Where do we get our capes?
- Donations of capes
- Oldest cape in the CTNHG

Testimonials

Posted on our Facebook pages and website

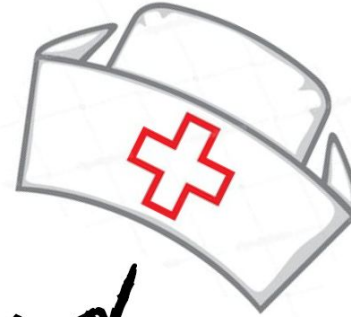
How to Find the CTNHG



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- [Make Donations \(coming soon\)](#)
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Questions?