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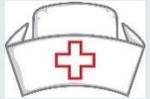
Honor Guard

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?

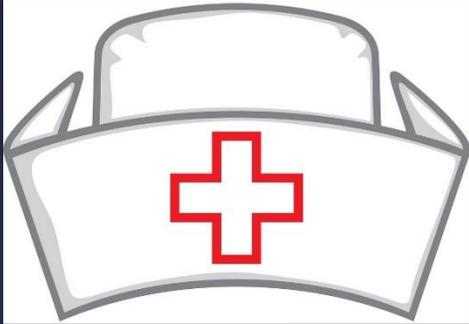
- Dressed in traditional white uniforms with a Nurse's cap and Nightingale cape, we gather to recite the Nightingale Tribute for a fallen nurse at their funeral.
- At the end of this tribute, we release the nurse from their nursing duties.
- Ideally, at least three members will attend a tribute. (We 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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Other Activities

- Living Tributes
- Flag Raisings
- Parades

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

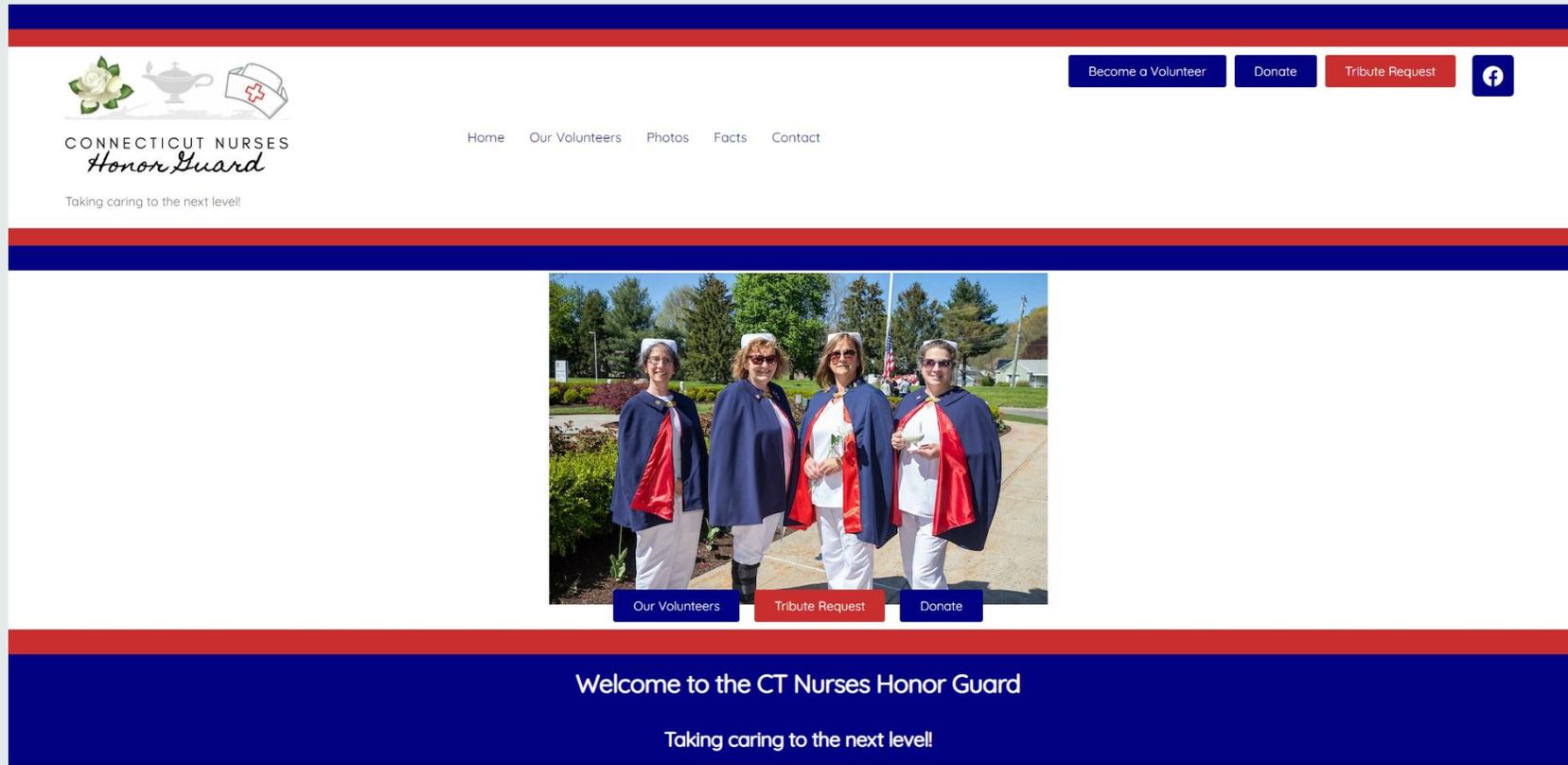
Cape Trivia

- 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



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Connecticut Nurses Honor Guard website. At the top left is the logo featuring a white rose, a silver chalice, and a white medical cross on a red background. Below the logo is the text "CONNECTICUT NURSES Honor Guard" and the tagline "Taking caring to the next level!". To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "Our Volunteers", "Photos", "Facts", and "Contact". Further right are three buttons: "Become a Volunteer", "Donate", and "Tribute Request", followed by a Facebook icon. The main content area features a photograph of four women in white uniforms and blue capes with red linings, standing outdoors. Below the photo are three buttons: "Our Volunteers", "Tribute Request", and "Donate". At the bottom of the page is a dark blue banner with the text "Welcome to the CT Nurses Honor Guard" and "Taking caring to the next level!" below it.

- Learn More
- Request Tributes
- Make Donations (coming soon)
- Contact Us
- Connect to our public Facebook page

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Questions?