

**Hospice and Community Care**  
**Veteran Garden Ribbon Cutting and Dedication**  
2275 India Hook Road · Rock Hill, S.C.  
September 22, 2017 · 10:00 a.m.

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*\* You will be presenting a South Carolina state flag that Rep. Tommy Pope secured for the event (he will not be there) as part of your remarks. You'll be given the flag upon arrival. Speak 2-3 minutes.*



Hospice and Community Care has served hospice patients in York, Chester, Lancaster, Cherokee, Fairfield, and Union counties since 1985. The garden features monuments to five branches of service and memorial pavestones. A central flag pole flies the United States flag, while flag poles with service flags circle the garden.

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- Good morning.
- I am proud to be a part of this event today and am tremendously grateful for the work you've done here on your

campus to honor those who have so honorably served our country over the years.

- This garden is such a fitting tribute to veterans in the community from every branch of service, in addition to their families, who have also made countless sacrifices along the way.
- South Carolina is home to well over 400,000 veterans.
- With incredible courage and sacrifice, these many brave men and women willingly left the comfort of their homes and surroundings to defend our freedom.
- For that, we owe them a debt of gratitude.
- Veterans serve as inspiration to all Americans and continually remind us of the dedication and devotion necessary to create and maintain the free society that we all enjoy so much, yet too often take for granted.
- Today and every day, it is important that we pay tribute to all of the men and women who sacrificed so much to defend our country and protect our independence.
- In closing, I also want to thank the staff at Hospice and Community Care for what you do day-in and day-out, especially for those veterans who are under your care through the “We Honor Veterans” program: returning heartfelt appreciation and respect to those who have unique needs later in life and require individualized help and support.
- Now, it is my honor to [Present South Carolina state flag to JROTC]...