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Veteran and Volunteer Forge Meaningful Bond

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!’”



Left: Paul Goble during WWII

Above: Joan Giordano reminisces with John Reece, her father’s HPCG volunteer and a WWII Veteran.

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