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Pana, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To recognize, commend and promote the volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize outstanding community members for their volunteer efforts of improvement to our community.

Peoples Bank & Trust is proud to recognize the Veterans Hospice Program Volunteers of Quad County Hospice as our current Volunteers of the Quarter. The group is part of a Quad County Hospice program called "No Veteran Dies Alone". This program links veteran volunteers with vets living out their final days in Quad County Hospice Care. The program provides a reassuring presence to a dying veteran with ongoing visits from the volunteer veterans.

Quad County currently has 19 veterans who serve as volunteers. These volunteers received a Four Star rating from the national organization established by We Honor Veterans. They strive to provide honor and dignity to veterans in our area in their final stage of life.

The Pinning Ceremony is a special program that honors the Veteran hospice patients. The veterans receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their service, which includes their name and branch of service, a final service pin and American Flag Veteran's pin. In addition to this, Veterans are presented a blanket created by volunteers and honoring their service branch. Family of the veterans are encouraged to participate in the ceremony. Refreshments are served after the ceremony to those who attended.

The Veterans available to receive the Volunteer award include Danny Eck, Richard Simms, Beverly Walker, James Hicks, Gary Schuck and Lt. Dan, Mickey Clemons, Bill Wright, Kevin Kennedy, Earl Baker and Roger Baldock. Katie Sinclair, Quad County Volunteer Coordinator was also present.

If you would like to learn more about the "No Veteran Dies Alone" program, please contact Katie Sinclair at 217-562-6380.

In honor of Veteran Volunteer's services, Peoples Bank donated to the Veterans Volunteer Program and their name will be placed on a plaque to be displayed at the bank.

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