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## Haven Hospice honors World War II veteran

(GAINESVILLE)— In partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps, Haven Hospice honored World War II veteran Robert Elmer Green, a patient at its Tri-Counties Hospice Care Center, with a certificate of appreciation for his military service.

Green, 92, was a sergeant with the U.S. Army Air Forces from 1942 to 1946 and served as a radioman aboard a B-29 bomber in Okinawa.

Family members, friends, neighbors and Haven staff were on hand for the presentation on July 3. “I was terribly surprised,” he said. “My neighbor came in my room to congratulate me. Then I saw a Marine walk by in dress uniform and I thought, ‘Who’s being celebrated here?’” Robert Lowyns of the Veterans Service Office of Levy County presented Green with the certificate, a red, white and blue afghan, and an American flag pin.

Patrick Allen, Haven’s administrator of Haven services in the Tri-Counties, said, “We are very grateful for your service to the country, and we wanted to bring the Marine Corps in to present you with a certificate to thank you formally for that.”

This month, Green celebrates his 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with his wife, Martha Dell Barker Green.



### About Haven Hospice

Haven Hospice is North Florida’s expert in end-of-life and palliative care and is one of three 2008 Circle of Life Award® winners nationwide to be recognized as leaders in improving the care of patients near the end of life or with life-threatening conditions. Haven Hospice has also been recognized as a Florida Pacesetter for its leadership in promoting living wills. Haven Hospice has served more than 45,000 patients and families since 1979 and has been licensed in Florida as a not-for-profit hospice since 1980. For more information, visit [www.havenhospice.org](http://www.havenhospice.org) or call 800-727-1889.

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