

## Compassionate Care Hospice Presenters



### Charles W. Baldwin

Command Master Chief (C/MC) Baldwin has enjoyed a distinguished career in both the military and public education. He is the co-founder and former Commandant of the Delaware Military Academy, served as Principal of George V. Kirk Middle School in the Christina School District in Delaware, and former President of the Charter School of Wilmington. C/MC Baldwin holds a master's degree in Secondary School Leadership from Wilmington University and has served on the Delaware Principals Academy Executive Board, the Delaware Military Heritage Museum, Delaware Leadership Initiative Boards of Directors and currently serves as Chairman Delaware Commissioner Veterans Affairs and is an advisory Board member on the Friends of the Delaware Trust Fund. He is on the Board of Directors of the Independence School and works with the non-profit **We Honor Veterans** program providing companion service to veterans in hospice care. His expertise in fundraising resulted in the construction and establishment of the Delaware Gold Star Memorial at the DE Veterans Park in Wilmington, Pearl Harbor Memorial in Smyrna, Delaware Military Academy Navy High School in Wilmington, and First State Military Academy Marine Corps High School in Smyrna.

### Gina McCoy, RN

Gina has worked as a nurse since 1984. Her experiences as a nurse have spanned the care of patients from birth to end of life. She spent the beginning of her career caring for infants and children with special needs and has found her professional and personal reward at Compassionate Care Hospice over the past 12 years helping patients and families with their end-of-life journey. As a Clinical Liaison she is charged with helping fellow health care professionals understand, not be intimidated by, and implement hospice services. Gina is primarily focused on assisting with hospice services for veterans and has collaborated with the local Veteran hospital for over 11 years. She also works closely with oncologists, cardiologists, and area primary care physicians assisting them with the introduction of hospice services to their patients.



### Anastasia Aitken

Anastasia has been a Hospice volunteer for three years and is editor of the volunteer newsletter *Compassionate Note*. She is recently married and mother of two amazing daughters. She enjoys reading, painting, and spoiling her dogs – Puddi and Maisie.



### **Mark S. Pulliam, Chaplain**

Chaplain Mark Pulliam has ministry experience in industry, local church, hospital, and hospice, working with patients and families preparing for the ultimate journey from life to death. He served in the Navy and is retired from the Delaware Army National Guard and currently serves as a chaplain for Compassionate Care Hospice. He is the father to four and a grandfather to five wonderful grandchildren.



### **Aaron Wheeler, LCSW**

Aaron is a medical social worker who has worked in hospice for the past 17 years. He currently holds the position of Bereavement Coordinator, working with grieving individuals and families. Aaron facilitates support groups, provides individual grief counseling and care planning for those dealing with grief. He also works with the Cancer Support Community for the past 20 years, facilitating group and supporting those who are living with a cancer diagnosis. Aaron has established many support groups for individuals, children and families coping with cancer. Aaron worked for five years at the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center as a social worker specializing in hematological and neurological malignancies. His efforts also included intense work with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Prior to being in the Medical Social Work field Aaron worked as a social worker in the community for five years with high-risk children and families. He is an advocate in the workplace and community for Veterans, assisting them and their families to access and receive services based on their eligibility.



### **Anne Cecil-Kempski, MEE**

Anne Cecil-Kempski has been the Director of the Volunteer program at Compassionate Care Hospice for the last 20 years. A big part of Anne's position is to manage all the volunteer activities from start to finish, including recruitment, training, and operating a very successful volunteer program. Some of the highlights of the Volunteer Department are the "We Honor Veterans" program, the pet therapy program, and the various patient outreach activities. In 2018, Compassionate Care Hospice's Volunteer program became a certifying agency for the President's Volunteer Service Award. In 1995, Anne earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Goldey-Beacom College. After college, she began volunteering for Junior Achievement and quickly realized that she wanted to go back to school to become a teacher. Anne received her Master of Education from Wilmington University in 1998 and spent several years teaching in the city of Wilmington at various elementary schools. Anne's experience with hospice care and her background in education led her to her current role as the Director of the Volunteer Department at Compassionate Care Hospice.

