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Grief is a natural healthy response to loss. While there are common elements of the grief process, everyone grieves in their own way at their own pace. Those who serve in our nation's military often carry a heavy burden of grief relative to others in society. In addition to dealing with loss more frequently, Veterans are often impacted by deaths that look different than those that affect non-Veterans. This presentation will discuss grief while focusing on grief experiences specific to Veterans.

GUEST SPEAKER: HAYLEY BACON HOSPICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE

Hayley Bacon is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She earned her master's degree, with a certification in Gerontology, from Louisiana State University. Hayley has worked with Hospice of Charles County for 3 years as the Bereavement Counselor where she supports, counsels, and educates the community on grief and the process of Death and Dying. Prior to working at Hospice of Charles County Hayley was a therapist at a private practice and worked in Family Advocacy with the United States Air Force. She works with all ages and has a passion for working with the military community, older adults, and groups. Hayley believes that each person deserves a nonjudgmental environment to be heard, supported, and work towards growth.

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