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US NAVY VETERAN, PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS  
HOUSTON HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

*About me*

I stand proud in knowing as a military veteran and as a federal employee that my service to the people in our country is never ending. I'm truly grateful that Houston Hospice allows me to continue my service in ever capacity that is needed.



U.S. NAVY VETERAN  
PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS

I joined the United States Navy at 18 years of age in January 1995. I served aboard the USS McKee (AS-41), submarine tender in Point Loma, CA. I served a short stint on shore duty at Commander Naval Beach Group 1 Amphibious Base, in Coronado Beach, CA, as an E-3 Seaman. I then went to Accession Training School, (commonly known as A- school) where I studied Information Systems Technology in Great Lakes, IL, and graduated as an IT-3. My final duty station was aboard the USS Nimitz (CVN-68), AirCraft Carrier, in Newport News, VA, where I ended my navy career as a E-4, Petty Officer Third Class.

“ Bravo Zulu "Well Done" to all those who have served and are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces! ”



HOUSTON HOSPICE  
*Life Matters*



# VOLUNTEERING AT HOUSTON HOSPICE

I moved to Houston in 2016 and diligently researched where I could give of myself unselfishly because I am a servant at heart. In 2019, I decided Houston Hospice was where I was called. I am humbled to be an IPU volunteer and part of a community that gives generously, selflessly, and supports families in need.



## BEING THERE FOR OTHERS

I've experienced some tragic losses in my life that include the loss of a parent, the loss of a teenage child, and the loss of the father of my child. Although none of those tragedies were anticipated, the one thing I cherished was the comfort, the empathy, and the time spent with me that family and loved ones gave. Nothing could ever compare to just being there for someone.

Houston Hospice as a whole, not just volunteers, engage with families and loved ones by exhibiting the compassion, care, and comfort that's needed during the most difficult time in a person's life.

Words can't express the gratitude I feel. I love volunteering in any capacity with Houston Hospice and everyone there makes it so easy to give unselfishly because you lead by example.

Your Humble Servant,  
*LaNissa Byrd*

