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The Royal Star & Garter Homes' Activities Manager shortlisted for prestigious National Care Awards

The Royal Star & Garter Homes' Raquel Pena Aristizabal is a finalist in The National Care Awards.

The Activities & Volunteers Manager at the Charity's Surbiton Home is shortlisted in the Care Activities Coordinator / Facilitator category.

Raquel has been with the Charity, which cares for disabled veterans and their partners, for over five years. She said: *"It is an honour to be nominated for this award, but really it is a reflection of the wonderful team we have at The Royal Star & Garter Homes, and the work the Charity does for military veterans living with disability or dementia."*

Pauline Shaw, the Charity's Director of Care & Service Development, praised Raquel's warmth and energy. She said: *"Everyone who has been nominated for these awards deserves congratulations, but I'm so pleased to see the amazing work Raquel does on a daily basis has been recognised."*



"Her passion, enthusiasm, and boundless energy is contagious and brings out the best in the people she works with and the residents living in our Home. Her nomination is well deserved."

The Care Activities Coordinator / Facilitator category recognises people who make an exceptional contribution to the quality of life, health and happiness of all people they support through the activities they provide.

The Surbiton Home now offers over 50 events and activities each week. Raquel organises visits from local military organisations and schools, crafts, films, musical events, group exercises and therapies, quizzes, cookery and tastings, and seasonal celebrations.

The Spanish-speaker has even started Spanish lessons at the home.

The National Care Awards is an annual event organised by Caring Times magazine, a management magazine for the social care sector.

The winners will be announced on 30 November.

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About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:

The Charity provides award-winning care for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. Today we provide specialist care to the whole military family in our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes. Disabled ex-Servicemen and women, and their spouses, can all benefit from our pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care.

We are in the process of building new Homes around the country to provide specialist nursing care for disabled ex-Service people in the best modern surroundings, including dementia care facilities to address this growing need. The Charity has award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands, and Surbiton, Surrey, which also enables the Charity to offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. Following the successes of the first two Homes, a third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is being built, with a planned opening in 2018.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

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