



Creating Bonds That Cure

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Operation Healing Forces to Celebrate 15 Years of Creating Bonds That Cure at Tampa Evening of Honor & Impact

The September 17 event will welcome Admiral Frank M. Bradley, Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, as OHF commemorates 15 years of Creating Bonds That Cure.

TAMPA, Fla. — Operation Healing Forces (OHF) will commemorate 15 years of Creating Bonds That Cure at the Tampa Evening of Honor & Impact on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street.

Operation Healing Forces is honored to welcome Admiral Frank M. Bradley, Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), as the evening's distinguished speaker. A U.S. Navy SEAL officer with an extensive career in special operations leadership, Admiral Bradley has commanded at all levels of special operations, including Joint Special Operations Command, Special Operations Command Central, and Naval Special Warfare Development Group. He has served multiple tours in command of joint task forces and was among the first to deploy to Afghanistan following the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Guests will begin the evening with a cocktail reception followed by dinner and a program featuring remarks from Admiral Bradley and an OHF alumni couple, who will share firsthand perspectives on service and sacrifice. Guests will also have the opportunity to participate in a fundraising auction, featuring exclusive items such as a Special Operations immersive experience.

This year's event holds special significance as Operation Healing Forces celebrates its 15th anniversary. We also recognize that this September marks the 25th anniversary of 9/11. Since 2011, OHF has continued to expand its reach and strengthen programs designed to address the evolving needs of the Special Operations Forces community. Through Therapeutic Retreats and the Special Operations Additional Resources (SOAR) Program, OHF promotes long-term mental, physical, emotional, and fiscal well-being while addressing critical needs related to mental health and wellness, food insecurity, housing stability, financial hardship, medical care, and workforce development and career transition.



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“For 15 years, Operation Healing Forces has had the privilege of serving alongside the Special Operations Forces community and responding as critical needs have evolved,” said Kerry Irvin, CEO of Operation Healing Forces. “As we reflect on this milestone, we are also looking ahead to the families who will turn to OHF for support in the years to come. The continued generosity of our partners and supporters allows us to expand our reach, strengthen our programs, and carry the mission forward.”

Proceeds from the Tampa Evening of Honor & Impact will directly support OHF programs serving the Special Operations Forces community. OHF’s Board of Directors personally covers overhead and administrative expenses, allowing 100% of donor contributions to directly support programs.

For more information about the event, or to purchase sponsorships or tickets, please contact Courtney Bilyeu, Mission Advancement Officer, at courtney.bilyeu@ophf.org or (757) 412-7729.

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About Operation Healing Forces

Operation Healing Forces (OHF) is a national nonprofit organization headquartered in Tampa, Florida, that serves the wounded, injured, ill, and fallen United States Special Operations Forces community, including active-duty members, National Guard, Reservists, veterans, families, caregivers, and survivors. Through programs focused on rehabilitation, reintegration, and resilience, OHF strengthens relationships, restores hope, and helps rebuild lives for those who have endured visible and invisible wounds of military service. Since its founding in 2011, OHF has served more than 15,000 individuals through therapeutic retreats, mental health and crisis assistance, and family support programs.

For more information, visit www.operationhealingforces.org.