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## **HCA HEALTHCARE NAMED A BEST EMPLOYER FOR VETERANS BY *MILITARY TIMES***

**TAMPA, Fla. (November 21, 2022)** – **HCA Florida South Tampa Hospital and HCA Florida Brandon Hospital**, as a part of HCA Healthcare, one of the nation’s leading healthcare providers, today announced that they have been recognized by *Military Times* as one of the country’s best employers based on the company’s efforts to recruit, retain and support current and former service members, military spouses and military caregivers. Since 2012, HCA Healthcare has hired more than 40,000 veterans, active-duty personnel and military spouses.

“We are very proud of our commitment to hire, care for, support and be good neighbors for the many military families and veterans who call Tampa Bay home,” said Sonia Wellman, CEO of HCA Florida South Tampa Hospital. “We often include MacDill Air Force Base leadership and medical personnel in our grand opening and new services events to keep them informed on the many outstanding programs available locally like the Hospital for Endocrine Surgery that opened earlier this year and is dedicated exclusively to the surgical treatment of endocrine tumors including the thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal glands.”

“HCA Florida Brandon Hospital is proud to support the men and women who serve in our nation’s military as well as their families and our military veterans,” said Tripp Owings, CEO of HCA Florida Brandon Hospital. “For over 40 years, our hospital has helped meet the needs of many military families in our community by providing healthcare services such as obstetrics and gynecology, neonatal intensive care, pediatrics, and more.”

The *Military Times*’ [2022 Best for Vets: Employers](#) ranking is an editorially independent, highly respected analysis of the policies and practices that make companies an attractive place to work for both current employees and future job seekers within the military community. Rankings are based on the results of a voluntary survey which seeks to capture the areas of greatest importance to transitioning service members, veterans and their families when choosing an employer. Recruitment and employment practices, as well as retention and support programs, are given the most weight in scoring.

The designation recognizes the work HCA Healthcare is doing to support and employ veterans, including:

- Launching an internal mentoring program for veterans and military spouses, which has been successful in helping recently transitioned veterans navigate the civilian workforce.
- Maintaining a Veteran Colleague Network, an employee-led, self-directed voluntary network facilitating connection, collaboration and celebration among colleagues.

- Offering military leave and supplemental pay to eligible colleagues, and supporting those who want to continue to serve as active duty military while working at HCA Healthcare.
- Partnering with the U.S. Army Medical Recruiting Brigade to create the Patriot Partnership Program allowing the Army to provide specialized training for residency and fellowship programs nationwide.
- Serving on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s Veteran Employment and Military Spouse Employment Councils.
- Working with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation on the “Hiring 100,000 Military Spouses” campaign to help military spouses seeking meaningful 21<sup>st</sup>-century career opportunities. As a founding coalition member in 2021, HCA Healthcare hired more than 1,100 military spouses.

HCA Healthcare has a longstanding commitment to U.S. veteran and military communities. This year, the company is giving \$50,000 to REBOOT Recovery, a national peer-led trauma healing program for veterans, their families and first responders, to assist in rewriting their military curriculum. HCA Healthcare is also giving \$25,000 to Fisher House Foundation to build a second house in San Antonio, Texas for military families to stay free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital or VA Medical Center and \$25,000 to the Gary Sinise Foundation, which has completed over 80 specially adapted smart homes for severely wounded veterans and first responders. In the past five years, the company has given approximately \$900,000 to national and local veteran support organizations.

In addition, HCA Healthcare has been nationally recognized as a military-friendly employer and military-spouse friendly employer for 12 consecutive years by [VIQTORY](#) and, in 2021 received the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. In 2015, HCA Healthcare received the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Hiring our Heroes – Lee Anderson Award for overall excellence in hiring and retaining veterans, transitioning service members and military spouses.

#### **About HCA Florida South Tampa Hospital**

Located in the heart of South Tampa, HCA Florida South Tampa Hospital is a full service 374-bed acute care hospital focused on personalized care. Services include emergency care, accredited Comprehensive Bariatric (weight loss) Center of Excellence, minimally invasive and robotic surgery, orthopedic and spine care, hyperbaric wound care, cardiac catheterization lab and advanced cardiac imaging. Its secondary campus, HCA Florida West Tampa Hospital, is recognized for the Hospital for Endocrine Surgery, a destination program dedicated to meeting the endocrine surgical needs of patients with tumors of the thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal glands. Additionally, the West Tampa campus provides emergency care, inpatient and outpatient mental health services and inpatient substance abuse care. HCA Florida South Tampa Hospital is proud to be recognized as best-in-class for bariatric surgery for two consecutive years by achieving the nationally recognized Top 5% for bariatric surgery by Healthgrades. The hospital is part of HCA Florida Healthcare, a family of more than 570 affiliated sites of care across the state, including hospitals, physician practices, freestanding emergency rooms and urgent care centers. For more information, visit [HCAFloridaSouthTampaHospital.com](https://www.hcafloridasouthtampahospital.com).

#### **About HCA Florida Healthcare**

HCA Florida Healthcare, a part of HCA Healthcare, is a family of more than 570 affiliated sites of care, including hospitals, physician practices and freestanding emergency rooms. United as a statewide network in 2021, HCA Florida Healthcare includes approximately 11,000 experienced doctors and 77,000 colleagues working together to deliver advanced, collaborative care to more than 7.4 million patients each year. HCA Florida Healthcare is committed to improving more lives in more ways and giving back to the communities it serves. The network provided nearly \$836.6 million in uncompensated care and invested significantly in innovative technologies and facilities across Florida, including the new \$360 million state-of-the-art, multi-specialty HCA Florida University Hospital in Davie, Fla. A strong advocate for the next generation of healthcare

professionals, HCA Florida Healthcare is also a major supporter of university-based healthcare programs and residencies and fellowships throughout the Sunshine State.

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