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Operation Helping Hand

It's time for our January 2012 dinner, honoring our wounded and the injured troops being treated at the James A. Haley VA Hospital, and their families.

I hope you can join us!

Purpose

It is important to mention that our main purpose in having our monthly dinners is to let the active duty patients and their families know that we recognize, support, and thank them for their sacrifices and for what they have done for us.

Come early!

Thursday, 19 January, 2012 6:00 PM

Location:

WE WILL HAVE THIS DINNER, AS USUAL, IN THE:

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Building Dining area
James A. Haley VA Hospital
(Please see the directions below)

Our Sponsor

University Village

Our Caterer

University Village

Desserts Provided By:

Mike's Pies

&

Blue Bell Ice Cream

*If you care to bring an additional dessert to share
other than pies,
it would be most appreciated*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

All of our wounded/injured patients attending and their families will receive a gift bag and a bouquet of flowers as part of our appreciation.

Gift Bags stocked and assembled by Ms. Kathy Silah

**Flowers provided by Island Flowers;
Mario Gutierrez, Major, USAF (Ret), Owner.**

Music provided by Bob Moore Entertainment

ADMIN NOTES:

<http://www.operationhelpinghandtampa.com>

NOTE: OUR WEBPAGE HAS BEEN UPDATED AND INCLUDES OUR OPERATION HELPING HAND VIDEO. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND CHECK IT OUT.

- 1) Our dinner announcement list continues to grow, and we are averaging approximately 225-250 attendees at each dinner. Please plan to come early and enjoy the evening, and meet our wounded/injured heroes and their families.**
- 2) A special request: On arrival, it would be most appreciated if you would be seated as soon as possible rather than congregating in the entry area. Congestion in the entry area has caused serving problems, and delay in getting the**

evening's program started. Your cooperation would be most appreciated!

- 3) Please realize that this dinner is not intended for your personal socializing. **GET UP AND MEET THESE HEROES, AND THANK THEM FOR ALL THEY'VE DONE FOR US!** Your efforts in this regard would be most appreciated.
- 4) If you are receiving these announcements, have a comment or email change, or would rather be removed from our mailing list, please let me know.
- 5) This announcement is not for publication in daily and weekly newspapers. However, it may be published in daily command military emails or bulletins.
- 6) There is **NO COST** for dinner attendees, and **NO RSVP** is required unless you plan to bring a group of four or more. If this is the case, please let me know via email.
- 7) And finally, check out our web page. If you need info on who we are and what we do, go to:

<http://www.operationhelpinghandtampa.com>

DIRECTIONS

Directions to the James A. Haley VA Hospital, SCI Building.

*******NOTE CHANGES*******

*******THE LIVINGSTON GATE IS CLOSED*******

From 275, exit at Fletcher. Take Fletcher east to **BRUCE B. DOWNS BLVD.** There is a stop light there. Turn right on Bruce B.

Downs and proceed to the James A. Haley VA Hospital, and take **second** right into the Hospital grounds, continue past the Hospital, past the Fisher House(both on your right) to the SCI parking lot - **also on your right**. Look for a sign on the right that says "SCI" with an arrow going right. That's the SCI Building parking lot. If you park in the parking lot, park and enter **through the construction tunnel** to the SCI lobby; proceed straight ahead down a long corridor, and go left at the end of the corridor. The SCI Dining Room is on the left.

If you are arriving after 5:15 PM, park in the underground parking entry to the left of the SCI Building tunnel entrance, and take the elevator to the first floor. There will be a VA Security Guard in the underground parking garage to direct you.

When you leave the SCI parking area, turn left, pass the Fisher House, pass the main Hospital onto Bruce B. Downs.

SPONSORS

*****Anyone interested in sponsoring a dinner in 2012, please let us know!*****

Please note the sponsors listed below. We are indeed fortunate to have so many sponsors committed to underwrite our monthly dinners and we humbly thank them. We've had a number of inquiries as to these sponsorships. With our large number of dinner attendees, all of our sponsors deserve our gratitude, and where possible, our patronage.

A special thanks to our 2011 and 2012 sponsors. We could not have these dinners without your financial support.

Operating Helping Hand Dinner Sponsors 2011

Monthly Dinner Date

Sponsor

Thursday 20 January	Congressman Gus Bilirakis
Thursday 17 February	Bank of America
Thursday 17 March	HDR Architecture Incorporated
Thursday 21 April	Celestar Corporation
Thursday 19 May	USAA
Thursday 16 June	6th Air Mobility Wing/6th Medical Group
Thursday 21 July	Booz Allen Hamilton Corporation
Thursday 18 August	TECO Energy
Thursday 15 September	Tampa Bay Lightning
Thursday 20 October	Booz Allen Hamilton Corporation
Thursday 17 November	Coalition Forces; US Central Command Century Buick, Inc.
Thursday 15 December	Arma Global Corporation/ Columbia Restaurant

And To Our Sponsors for 2012

IMPORTANT NOTE: WE HAVE ONLY 5 COMMITTED SPONSORS FOR 2012. I HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF GROUPS/COMPANIES THAT ARE INTERESTED, BUT HAVE NOT COMMITTED. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY POSSIBLE SPONSOR, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP.

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HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THIS DINNER!

Any questions? Please let me know

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Chairman, Operation Helping Hand

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