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## U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION NEWS

Hiring Our Heroes

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### **Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Recognized as Three-Star Chamber of Valor by Hiring Our Heroes**

*Top Honor for Local and State Chambers That Demonstrate Leadership in  
Connecting Companies with Talented Veteran and Military Spouse Candidates*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation announced today that the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce has been honored by [Hiring Our Heroes](#) with the three-star Chamber of Valor award. The [Chamber of Valor](#) award acknowledges the contributions of local chambers, industry associations, and business development organizations that join the Hiring Our Heroes mission of finding meaningful employment for veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses.

“When it comes to supporting not just veterans and military families, but the local businesses hiring them, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce is setting a standard for others to follow,” said Eric Eversole, vice president at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and president of Hiring Our Heroes. “The Greater Tampa Chamber has critically engaged and educated its membership on hiring talented veterans and military spouses throughout the state, and their community is stronger for it.”

Eligible chambers and business organizations may apply for the Chamber of Valor designation or be selected based upon previous accomplishments. Honorees then receive a one-star, two-star, or three-star level designation. The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce is a three-star Chamber of Valor award recipient noted for routinely organizing, promoting, and assisting with recruiting events targeted towards veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses.

“The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce is proud to work with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Hiring Our Heroes program. We are honored to be recognized as a Chamber of Valor,” said Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Bob Rohrlack. “Through the work of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce’s Military Council, and our partners in the public and private sector, including our colleges and universities, Tampa continues to be a great place for transitioning service members, veterans and military spouses to find meaningful employment and advance their careers.”

Hiring Our Heroes is a nationwide initiative to help veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses find meaningful employment. Working with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s vast

network of state and local chambers and other strategic partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors, Hiring Our Heroes has helped hundreds of thousands of veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment through more than 870 job fairs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Germany; a suite of free online career-based resources; and the Hiring 500,000 Heroes campaign.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation is dedicated to strengthening America's long-term competitiveness and educating the public on how the free enterprise system improves society and the economy.

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