

OPERATION HELPING HAND



Operation Helping Hand Newsletter & Dinner Announcement

AMERICA'S STRENGTH



CELEBRATE LABOR DAY

**Thursday, 17 September 2015
at 6:00 PM**

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Since 2004, Operation Helping Hand has extended all necessary efforts to assist and support over 950 military wounded/injured being treated at the James A. Haley VA Hospital, and many of their visiting families. We've been blessed with very generous donations from so many generous individuals, organizations, corporations, etc. We are indeed fortunate to have outstanding volunteers and the required support over

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**If you have any questions,
please contact me or the
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the past 10 years, and we will continue our mission as long as we are needed.

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

We have expanded our mission to include assistance and support to all poly trauma patients, both those presently in the VA Hospital and those "out patients" that are residing outside of the Hospital and still undergoing Hospital treatments, whether they are still on active duty OR are discharged or retired. As long as they have served OIF or OEF (meaning they have served in Iraq or Afghanistan), Operation Helping Hand will help them in any way possible.

*Bob Silah, Chairman
Operation Helping Hand*

**Here are the general driving directions to the
James A. Haley VA Hospital SCI Building**

THE LIVINGSTON GATE IS NOW OPEN

From I-275:

Coming NORTH: From 275, exit at Fletcher. Take Fletcher east to stop light at LIVINGSTON AVE.

Turn right and proceed straight ahead on LIVINGSTON into the VA

Hospital grounds.

Coming SOUTH: From 275, exit at Fletcher. Take Fletcher east, to stop light at LIVINGSTON AVE.

Turn right and proceed straight ahead into the VA Hospital grounds.

From I-75:

Coming NORTH: From 75, exit at Fletcher. Take Fletcher west, past the light at Bruce B. Downs to stop light at LIVINGSTON AVE.

Turn left and proceed straight ahead into the VA Hospital grounds.

Coming SOUTH: From 75, exit at Fletcher. Take Fletcher west, past the light at Bruce B. Downs to stop light at LIVINGSTON.

Turn left and proceed straight ahead into the VA Hospital grounds.

Park in the garage which is the large 5-story building on the right.

From the 5-story parking garage, we will have drivers and golf carts available after 5:15 PM to carry our attendees from the garage to the SCI building's new entrance.

Please use the golf carts for your ride over to the SCI building, and note that Operation Helping Hand has provided four golf carts to the hospital. If you're lucky you'll get to ride in one of the Operation Helping Hand's golf carts!

OR

The SCI parking lot is available on the right after passing the parking garage or in the lot to the left adjacent to the SCI building.

We Appreciate Our Sponsors!

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 sponsors. We could not have these dinners without your financial support.

Sponsor for This Dinner

TAMPA BRASS AND ALUMINUM CORP.

Tampa Brass is a third generation family small and veteran owned business. Established in 1957 by the present President, Mr. Chris Leto's grandfather and father and mother as a three man foundry; now has three sons and a grandson.

Tampa Brass employs 140 families with revenues of over \$20 million serving the oil and gas, commercial and most importantly, the defense industries.

As one of the premier foundry and precision machine shops, we manufacture critical components for various important programs such as Paveway, Patriot, AMRAAM, DDG-1000 Class Destroyer to name a few.

All of the people at Tampa Brass are proud to support our military and their families by manufacturing only the best in quality products.

Caterer for This Dinner

ESPO'S CATERING

Espo's Catering is owned and operated by David Espinola since 1984 and has been providing the bay area and

beyond quality food and service.

We are passionate about food and it shows. Espo's Catering provides a variety of foods to meet all of your taste bud cravings.

For the past 30 years Espo's has served the doctors and nurses of James A. Haley VA and are now honored to be able to serve our heroes.

Desserts Provided By:

Mike's Pies

*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

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES:

- 1) Our dinner announcement list continues to grow, and we are averaging approximately 250-300 attendees at each dinner. Please plan to come early, enjoy the evening, and meet our wounded/injured heroes and their families.

AND PLEASE REMEMBER....OUR DINNERS ARE NOT THE PLACE TO NETWORK OR PUSH YOUR PRODUCTS OR BUSINESS SERVICES.

- 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 us 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 us know via email.

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING FOR A DINNER IN 2016, LET US KNOW!!

Monthly Dinner Date Sponsor

Thursday 15 January

SOCIETY OF MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME)

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Thursday 19 March	FERMAN AUTOMOTIVE DEALERSHIPS
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Thursday 20 August	BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS
Thursday 17 September	TAMPA BRASS AND ALUMINUM CORP.
Thursday 15 October	HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION and AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE
Thursday 19 November	COALITION FORCES/CENTURY BUICK
Thursday 17 December	ARMA GLOBAL, INC.