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| Operation Helping Hand Newsletter & Dinner Announcement |

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| New Year**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014!****Thursday,   16 January 2014   at   6:00 PM** |  |

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| **Operation Helping Hand Website -** [**Click Here**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001eR7k0hYQrmDMfKvUWdusD4RmHbwInUqVYibly-Ibcg0isvCDhWgYalOmF89N-gseUSFnYw3duTp5xfK9nTSJPvecqSd4cARM7DaMrFtVN-g32vE6ZYTrvgXMOew0cEHnDGYVoemv6ImANXD_Cjcqio0amMjv_Tn6R255SsAC8erghTRUNik2-7dRlHiZOFt0&c=ArmyGOfUkwicaOZ0b9WPrmjxhCHGZf6GJrZv2Bz378GFR3wzE2AmMw==&ch=A2vqe-u1dSKlyiT9lebr-N5nsTaFF7NL98U2z416RTg4AEddwISRpQ==)**We invite you to view****our** [**video**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001eR7k0hYQrmDMfKvUWdusD4RmHbwInUqVYibly-Ibcg0isvCDhWgYasTYVhutbPr4-ytJ3DAtkK_6-MQN05POT0bjWsB20LMCA_xZWvAH5vldpagusnM2QTEDJdA_cqGCmhmXoQfxRF4uUaaLa_kce5wBPvdYPs0Tem6H8-w6Q-VZbYEA4RrTq_t2E8WS5RUkC9IMA_Auib1TfKz2D3TdqQ==&c=ArmyGOfUkwicaOZ0b9WPrmjxhCHGZf6GJrZv2Bz378GFR3wzE2AmMw==&ch=A2vqe-u1dSKlyiT9lebr-N5nsTaFF7NL98U2z416RTg4AEddwISRpQ==) **on the website**Like us on Facebook**Our address:****5022 Barrowe Dr.****Tampa, FL 33624****f you have any questions, please contact me:****Bob Silah, Captain****USN (Retired)****Chairman, Operation Helping Hand****ophh2011@gmail.com**

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| In 2014, as we've done since 2004,  Operation Helping Hand will continue our service mission of responding to the needs of all arriving active duty military wounded/injured. |

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| 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, honor, support, and thank them for their sacrifices and for what they have done for us.It's time for our January 2014 dinner, honoring our wounded and the injured troops being treated at the James A. Haley VA Hospital, and their families. |

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| **Directions to the** **James A. Haley VA Hospital - SCI Building****\*\*\*NOTE  CHANGES\*\*\*****\*\*\*\*THE LIVINGSTON GATE IS NOW OPEN UNTIL 8 PM\*\*\*\*****Also, please be aware of the important information below:****1.   THE NEW ENTRANCE TO THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SCI****BUILDING IS OPEN.  PLEASE USE THIS ENTRANCE.****THERE IS NO MORE TUNNEL.****2.  The underground parking is closed.****3.  The SCI parking lot is available.  Parking is also available in the       lot to the left as you drive in, before you reach the SCI parking       lot, or****4.  Park in the parking garage, which is the large 5-story building       across from the SCI parking lot.****5. We will have golf cart transportation from garage available.      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 a ride in one of the Op HH****golf carts!** |
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| **Here are the general directions, but please refer to the changes above:****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 THE NEW PARKING GARAGE STRAIGHT AHEAD.  PARK IN THE GARAGE, OR****PARK IN THE LOT ACROSS FROM THE SCI PARKING LOT.****STRAIGHT AHEAD AS YOU DRIVE IN, 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.** |

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| **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. |

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| **Sponsor for This Dinner*****CELESTAR CORPORATION***Celestar is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned SmallBusiness with headquarters in Tampa, FL and a satellite office in Reston, VA.   Celestar provides creative, innovative, and cost-effective service solutions to the U.S. Government and Private Industry worldwide. The cornerstones of our operations areintegrity, agility, initiative, and dedication. |

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| **Caterer for This Dinner*****BOSTON'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS BAR****Boston's is a full-service, pizza-themed, casual dining restaurant and sports bar offering incredible gourmet pizzas and gourmet pasta, along with a wide variety of other great dishes, such as wings, ribs, burgers, entree size salads, sandwiches, and the most delicious and fresh kid's menu in the casual dining category.* |

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| **Desserts Provided By:**Mike's Pies & Blue Bell Ice CreamIf you care to bring an additional dessert to shareother than pies, it would be most appreciated. |

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| **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 SilahFlowers provided by Island Flowers;Mario Gutierrez, Major, USAF (Ret), Owner.Music provided by Bob Moore |

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| **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES:**1)  Our dinner announcement list continues to grow, and we are averaging       approximately 225-250 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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| **\*\*\*\*NOTE:  WE NEED SPONSORS!!****WE ARE ACCEPTING 2014 SPONSOR COMMITMENTS.** |

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