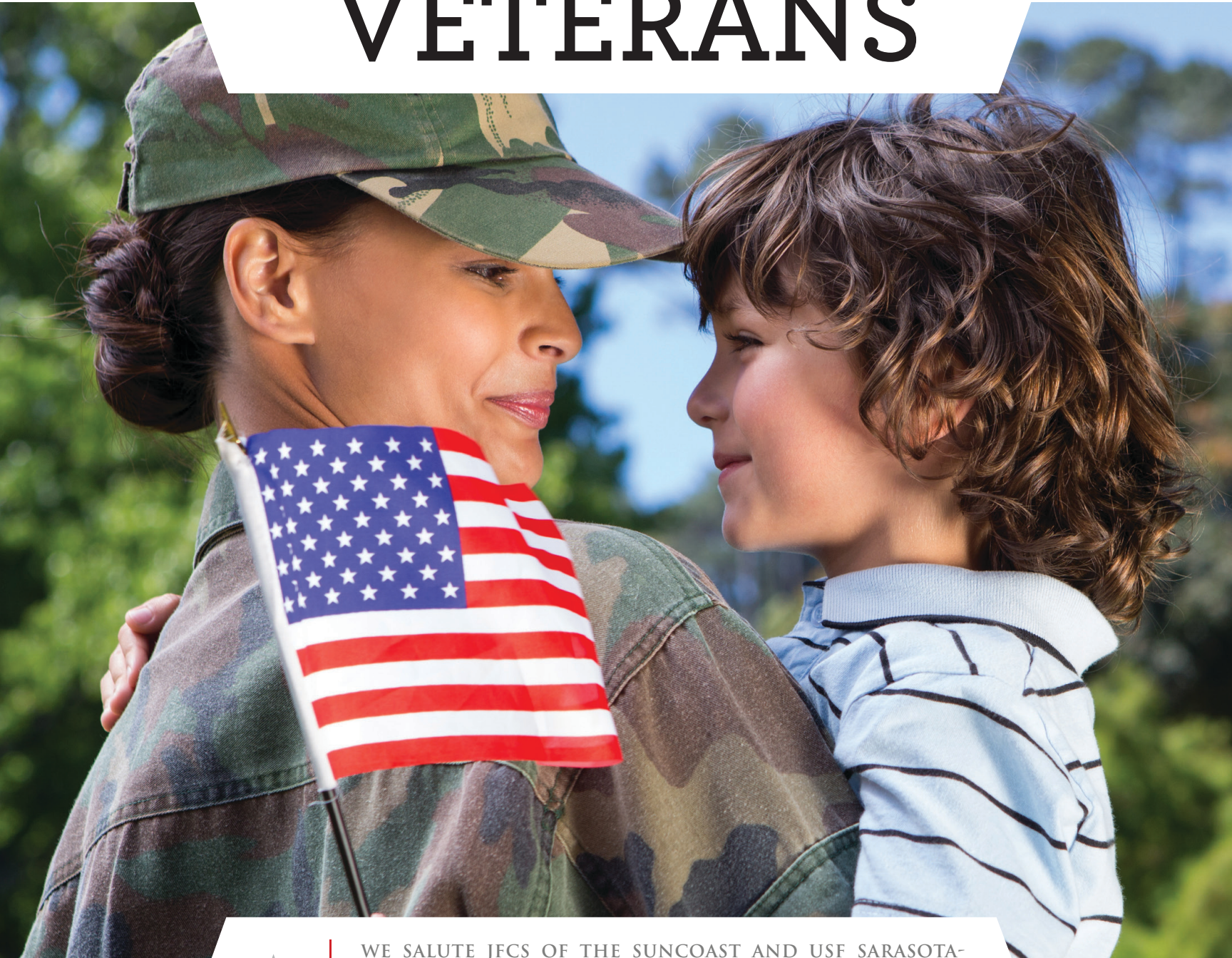


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WE SALUTE JFCS OF THE SUNCOAST AND USF SARASOTA-MANATEE FOR THEIR REGIONAL PROGRAMS SUPPORTING VETERANS IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. READ ABOUT THE INITIATIVES THAT HAVE MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT AT HOME.

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VETERANS FIND A HOME AT USF SARASOTA- MANATEE



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PROVIDING VETERANS ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Providing veterans with support to excel academically is a priority at USF Sarasota-Manatee, which is why the campus opened the Military and Veterans Success Center with help from donors. "For the campus to support those who have given so much, it is a privilege and an honor to help them in their professional journeys," Veterans Services Administrator Carlos Moreira says. A welcoming setting, the center offers veterans a place to connect with each other and learn about benefits, scholarships and campus services. For Moreira, a Marine Corps veteran, it's a home away from home since earning degrees in finance and risk management last year. Now, as he studies for an MBA, he lends a hand to USFSM's 200-plus student veterans. Recently, he organized a 9/11 ceremony where dignitaries including David Kotok, founder of Cumberland Advisors, gave their recollections. The noted financial advisor said he was reminded of his Army days as events unfolded at the World Trade Center. Also at the ceremony: patriotic songs, a flag-raising and the playing of taps. Veterans also are front and center at USFSM's Culinary Innovation Lab, where Navy veteran and alumnus Bryan Jacobs teaches professional culinary skills to veterans in a program called Vets2Success. Jacobs even helps them find jobs.

CAMPUS DESCRIPTION USF Sarasota-Manatee is a regional campus of the University of South Florida System, offering the prestige of a nationally ranked research university with the convenience of a hometown location, including classes in Manatee and Sarasota counties, Venice and online. USFSM is ideal for those interested in pursuing a baccalaureate or master's degree, professional certification, or continuing education credit in a small, personal setting with distinguished faculty and a dynamic curriculum of more than 40 academic programs. Website: www.usfsm.edu.

"USF SARASOTA-MANATEE HAS LONG SUPPORTED OUR LOCAL VETERAN COMMUNITY WITH UNIQUE PROGRAMS, OUTREACH EFFORTS AND ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING BENEFITS AND SCHOLARSHIPS, AND IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE TO DO SO. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT THESE MEN AND WOMEN BECAUSE THEY HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO SUPPORT US."

—Dr. Karen Holbrook, USFSM Regional Chancellor

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JFCS VETERANS

ABOUT JFCS VETERANS JFCS' Operation Military Assistance Program offers case management and financial assistance to very low-income veterans and their families who are literally homeless or who are about to become homeless to enable them to obtain or maintain stable, permanent housing. OMAP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. JFCS is also the lead agency for Veterans Stand Down, a grassroots, community-based intervention event designed to help the community's homeless veterans. The unique event brings together more than 30 local organizations at a single location allowing veterans to access community resources, such as VA benefits and services, housing assistance, mental health and substance abuse services, civil and criminal legal services, and employment services. Veterans are also offered free health screenings and personal care services.

ABOUT JFCS Founded in 1985, JFCS is a fully accredited, community-based social service, non-profit organization serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, Collier, Lee and DeSoto counties in Florida, with the goal of empowering people to lead healthy, happy and sustainable lives. JFCS serves more than 29,000 individuals each year through counseling, prevention, intervention, outreach, case management, basic life necessities, financial aid and life skills education programs on a secular, non-denominational basis. Its seven key focal areas include youth, seniors, cancer support, Jewish healing, counseling, veterans and families. **For more information, visit www.JFCS-Cares.org or call 941.366.2224.**

COUNTIES Sarasota, Manatee, Collier, Lee, DeSoto, and Charlotte

SERVICES

- Case Management
- Financial Assistance
- Connecting with VA Benefits
- Housing Search + Placement
- Legal assistance
- Mentorships



"VETERANS STAND DOWN IS AN AMAZING COMMUNITY EVENT THAT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF VETERANS. THIS ONE-DAY EVENT IS A TIME TO COME TOGETHER AND PROVIDE RESOURCES TO HELP VETERANS GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. JFCS IS PROUD TO COORDINATE THIS EFFORT IN COLLABORATION WITH ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS."

—Heidi Brown, CEO, JFCS of the Suncoast