



## **AFFF Event Information**

**Project:** James A. Haley VA Hospital – USO Central Florida Day Room

**Event Date/Time:** Tuesday, July 1 at 10:00am with a short reception to follow

NOTE: USO will provide coffee and cake

### **Location:**

James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital  
Spinal Cord Injury Center – USO Day Room  
13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33612

### **Parking:**

Valet Parking is available at the Polytrauma and Rehabilitation and Spinal Cord Center Entrance

### **Event Contact:**

Jim 'Moe' Moyer, USO  
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### **Project Scope:**

- Military patients receiving care in the Michael Bilirakis Department of Veterans Affairs Spinal Cord Injury Center at the James A. Haley VA Hospital now have a brand new *USO Central Florida Day Room*.
- The new Day Room is a full 1,900 square foot facility and is equipped as a recreational and relaxing space with a "family feel".
- The Day Room features a large screen TV, gaming system, recreation equipment including pool and air hockey tables, and a children's play area.
- The Day Room not only provides a relaxing space, it also helps in the healing and rehabilitation of the patients through socialization, recreation and engagement.
- The Armed Forces Families Foundation (AFFF) has donated over \$30,000 to outfit the center.
- AFFF Funds were raised in local Taco Bell restaurants during their annual "Freedom Bells" fundraiser.
- USO World Headquarters donated \$25,000 towards the project.
- Tampa Kiwanis donated \$2,500 for the children's area.

## **Attendee Information:**

### **USO, Inc. – John Hanson, Senior Vice President**

- Background: John Hanson joined the USO staff in March 2002. He came to the USO after working on veterans' issues – first with the national headquarters of The American Legion, and later as the assistant secretary for public and intergovernmental affairs at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

At VA, Hanson served as the spokesperson and senior media advisor for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He received the Secretary's Exceptional Service Award, and he and his staff received two VA Scissors Awards for finding ways to streamline processes and services.

An Air Force veteran who served during the Vietnam War, Hanson is a native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He attended the University of Alabama and is a graduate of Georgia State University in Atlanta with a degree in journalism and political science

### **USO, Inc. – Jim 'Moe' Moyer, Board of Directors, Chairman**

### **Dept. of Veterans Affairs – James A Haley Hospital – Kathleen Fogarty**

- Kathleen worked extensively on this project and was the person who initially identified the need for USO Day Room.

**Greater Tampa Kiwanis** – They Kiwanis did not provide Representative Information

### **Speakers:**

- Nick Peters
- John Hanson
- Kathleen Fogarty

### **Media:**

- The USO will have a small Video crew on site for the Ceremony. The video crew would like to speak to Mr. Peters after the ceremony for a short interview.