



Joining Forces Partners:

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for joining HealthPartners and the American Hospital Association in an important effort to improve the care of our returning troops. These brave men and women have put their own lives at risk on behalf of our great nation and I believe the *Joining Forces* program is a way for us to say thanks and express our deep gratitude for their service.

Because of your work, this program will be used to educate and inform health care professionals and the public about the most common medical issues our returning troops face. In turn, our veterans and their families will receive proper care and treatment and their families and hometowns will undoubtedly see the benefit of a healthier community member.

I'd like also thank the American Hospital Association, the Veteran's Administration, the Army National Guard, and the Minnesota Department of Health for their participation in this program. With their support, this program has continued to grow and will soon reach medical professionals across the nation.

Thanks again for your role in improving the health and lives of our returning military members.

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