

## **DaVita Honors and Supports Veterans**

DENVER, Nov. 9, 2017 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- [DaVita Inc.](#) (NYSE: DVA), a leading independent medical group and a leading provider of kidney care services in the United States, honors and supports military service men and women on Veterans Day and throughout the year.

Each year, DaVita hosts Veterans Day celebrations at its clinics and business offices nationwide, many of which are hosting special lunch events where veteran teammates (employees) will be honored with a certificate and pin for their service. Some celebrations include putting together care packages for troops overseas and writing notes of encouragement for service men and women.

"Since joining DaVita, I've found that this is truly a special place to work for veterans," said Mike Blackburn, military recruiter and veteran teammate. "It brings me great fulfillment to help other veterans transition to civilian and corporate life. Through DaVita's programs designed specifically for veteran teammates, we hope to give back to those who have served our country and see them go on to spread ripples of citizen leadership."

Since 2010, DaVita has hired over 3,000 veteran teammates, offering transitional support for teammates with a military background. Veteran teammates vary from patient care technicians to the organization's chief development officer. In that same time frame, DaVita has received 28 awards for demonstrating exceptional recruiting outreach in the veteran community. In 2013, DaVita was honored to receive the Freedom Award from the U.S. Department of Defense, the highest recognition given to employers for exceptional support of Guard and Reserve employees.

DaVita recently hosted a first-of-its-kind National Veteran Interview Day in an effort to boost veteran hiring initiatives. Nearly 200 veterans from all backgrounds came to interview in-person at eight business office locations throughout the United States and virtually over the phone.

DaVita values active service men and women and strives to provide support to veterans as they transition from life in the military to life as teammates in the DaVita Village. Workshops and development courses are offered to help foster a stronger community for new veteran teammates.

Veterans 2 Village (V2V) is a two-day class introduced in 2016 that focuses on self-development and introduces new veteran teammates to DaVita's existing military programs and benefits. DaVita's internal veterans' programs are designed to foster a stronger community for new veteran teammates, as the company's support services continue to develop and grow.

### **About DaVita Inc.**

DaVita Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is the parent company of DaVita Kidney Care and DaVita Medical Group. DaVita Kidney Care is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end-stage renal disease. As of September 30, 2017, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,470 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 196,000 patients. The company also operated 230 outpatient dialysis centers located in 11 countries outside the United States. DaVita Medical Group manages and operates medical groups and affiliated physician networks in California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Washington in its pursuit to deliver excellent-quality health care in a dignified and compassionate manner. DaVita Medical Group's teammates, employed clinicians and affiliated clinicians

provided care for approximately 1.7 million patients. For more information, please visit [DaVita.com/About](https://www.davita.com/about).

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