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**BAYFRONT HEALTH DADE CITY AND GULFSIDE HOSPICE HELD SPECIAL
VETERANS DAY EVENT**

DADE CITY, Fla. (November 10, 2017) – Young and old alike, 32 veterans received an American flag pin and countless thanks from all in attendance at the Veterans Day Celebration Breakfast and Pinning Ceremony held by Bayfront Health Dade City and Gulfside Hospice on Friday, Nov. 10.

During the pinning ceremony, each veteran in attendance was called by name and recognized for their years of service in the various United States military branches. Each received an American flag pin and personalized certificate of recognition. Guest speakers Dade City Mayor Camille Hernandez and Pasco County Commissioner Ron Oakley addressed the crowd of veterans.

“Today is your day. Today, tomorrow and this weekend. You are special people, and this is your special recognition for all you have done to help our communities, and the United States,” said Mayor Hernandez as she addressed the crowd of veterans and their families. “We want to thank you for your sacrifice, because it’s your sacrifice that has given us these freedoms and security that we enjoy here today.”

A fallen soldier table served as a reminder of those veterans who gave their lives to serve their country. The veterans observed a moment of silence before the pinning to pay respect to those represented by the table. Military veterans and guests were encouraged to reach out to service men and women suffering from PTSD or with other needs by calling the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255.

This is the fourth year that the two organizations partnered together for the event. More than 50 people, including veterans and their families, and staff from Bayfront Health Dade City and Gulfside Hospice, attended the event to say thank you to the veterans.

About Gulfside Hospice:

Gulfside Hospice is a Level Four participant in the nationwide We Honor Veterans Program. Gulfside has served more than 500 veterans since joining the program. Gulfside is working to grow the program in Pasco County by holding pinning ceremonies, honoring each veteran patient with a pin and certificate, and participating in community events centered on veterans. To learn more about Gulfside's We Honor Veterans program or find out how to get involved, please call 800-561-4883 or visit www.GHPPC.org.

About Bayfront Health Dade City:

Bayfront Health Dade City is a nationally accredited, acute care hospital providing inpatient, outpatient and emergency care services. As a member of the Bayfront Health network, consisting of seven hospitals with more than 6,100 healthcare professionals, they provide a broad range of services including cardiology, orthopedics, gynecology, bariatrics, sleep medicine, urology, pediatrics, neurology, diagnostic imaging and more. For more information about Bayfront Health Dade City, visit BayfrontDadeCity.com. For more information about Bayfront Health Medical Group affiliated with Bayfront Health Dade City, go to MyBayfrontHealth.com.

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