

2021 Veterans Day Achievers Award Winners



WINNERS



Carole Campbell, R.N., B.S.N.
*Clinical Supervisor,
Care Management
Health Services
Johns Hopkins
HealthCare*

Carole Campbell was a captain in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. She has served as a living resource guide for veterans and their families at Johns Hopkins. She readily makes herself available to advise colleagues of potential benefits and resources for their clients, patients and members, and continually seeks opportunities to remain up to date on matters regarding veterans' health care. She is an advocate for quality health care and access to resources for veterans and their families.

In the community, Carole has worked with Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in St. Mary's County, Maryland, where she successfully initiated and established a connection with the leadership of the facility. Knowledge of and access to this resource has had an impact on the lives of individuals as well as their families and ultimately their communities. Additionally, she leads community health fair efforts at her church. Carole is viewed by her colleagues as the embodiment of professionalism and grace — an expert diplomat willing to share her skills and experience with those she mentors and supervises.



Jamie Saffell, R.N.
*Registered Nurse,
Interventional
Radiology
The Johns Hopkins
Hospital*

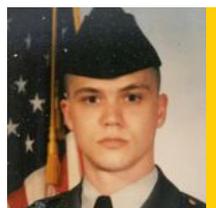
Jamie Saffell is a major and chief nurse in the Maryland Army National Guard, in which he has been active for 30 years. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jamie has been providing testing to local high-risk communities as a member of the guard's medical division. With the rollout out of COVID-19 vaccines last year, he has also worked with the guard to administer vaccines to these communities. Jamie, along with his unit, has worked tirelessly to help keep Maryland safe.

At Johns Hopkins, Jaime is a charge nurse on the interventional radiology nursing unit as well as a preceptor. His colleagues appreciate the efforts he makes to onboard new nurses, making them feel welcomed and empowered.

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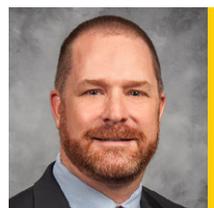
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**Rob (Tomas)
Reynolds**
*Surgical Technician
Suburban Hospital*

Rob (Tomas) Reynolds is an active-duty sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve. As a surgical technician, he is tasked with teaching other technicians as well as creating plans for operating rooms in the military. Rob splits his time between Suburban Hospital and the Army Reserve, and often has to take extended periods off from his civilian work to fulfill his military duties. He has used the knowledge he's received from both roles to improve the care and operations at both entities.

At Suburban Hospital, Rob loves teaching new employees, students and nurses in the operating room. He is skilled in many service lines and will frequently ask to assist with complex surgical cases. He often works extra hours and goes above and beyond. He teaches CPR and has been known to be crucial and helpful in trauma cases. Rob works to improve preference cards and communication with supply chain and supply, processing and distribution management, and collaborates with surgical coordinators. He is committed to supporting the surgeons, and his outside-the-box thinking about processes is appreciated.



Todd Whipple
*Institute Business
Administrator
Johns Hopkins All
Children's Hospital*

Todd Whipple served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force and was deployed to Iraq in 2003. His skills as a pediatric nurse transcended language barriers and provided care to pediatric patients during his deployment.

At All Children's Hospital, Todd worked tirelessly to prioritize patient care during his tenure as business manager of perioperative services. He always went above and beyond and exceeded all expectations while working with other departments in OR scheduling. In his current role, he has worked with the rehab team, sharing his knowledge of the business to improve support for staff, which in turn supports patient care. He is always engaging and has provided the rehab team with encouragement through budget and workforce inquiries.

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FINALIST



Sam Matta, R.N., N.R.P.

*Registered Nurse, Clinical Nurse Lifeline
The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Lifeline
Critical Care Transport Team*

Sam Matta was a captain in the U.S. Army and served as a nurse. He has worked tirelessly since joining the Lifeline Critical Care Transport Team staff to bring evidence-based practice and clinical knowledge to the team. He is affectionally called the “Respiratory Guru” by his peers. Sam’s work during the COVID-19 crisis has led to different modalities being added to the team to increase positive patient outcomes.

His dedication to veterans doesn’t stop with veteran-related advocacy, he also lends a personal touch. With the news of the recent U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, he made sure to reach out to those who did tours there to see how they were coping. This is a practice called “buddy check” that he picked up while serving in the Army.

Sam lends his expertise not only to the Lifeline team, but to other medic teams in the community. He is also a flight nurse with the STAT MedEvac team. Since the pandemic, he’s presented at virtual conferences attended by personnel from across the globe in relation to his department’s transfer and treatment of COVID-19 patients. Sam is a consistent educator for his department and the health system as a whole.