

Mission:  
To protect, promote & improve the health  
of all people in Florida through integrated  
state, county & community efforts.



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## THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HONORS AND SUPPORTS VETERANS

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Department of Health honors and supports veterans, members of the military and their families on Veterans Day. More than 1.5 million veterans call Florida home. In recognition of Florida's veteran health care practitioners the Department has released a special [Veterans Day video message](#) and a new resource, "Florida Veteran Health Heroes."

"The Florida Department of Health recognizes the sacrifices made by our military service members and their families," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "We are pleased to present 'Florida Veteran Health Heroes' in honor of all who have served our country and now continue to improve the health of Floridians."

The 2014 Florida Veteran Health Heroes are Orland K. "Lance" Armstrong, DC (no relation to State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health, Dr. John Armstrong), Dean Aufderheide, PhD, Morris Carter, MD, Joyce P. Fiedler, MD, and Robert Pickard, MD. For more information about these exceptional individuals, please visit [Florida Veteran Health Heroes](#).

Florida seeks to become the most veteran-friendly state in the nation, launching the VALOR (Veterans Application for Licensure Online Response) System on July 1, 2014 to expedite licensing for military veterans. The state also extended fee waiver eligibility for health care practitioner licenses to 60 months after honorable discharge and included military spouses. Learn more about how military members and spouses can obtain health care licensing by visiting the Department's [Armed Forces Licensing webpage](#).

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. Please visit [www.FLHealth125.gov](http://www.FLHealth125.gov) for more information.

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