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### **Apria Healthcare Honors Our Nation's Veterans**

***-- Celebrates Unwavering Commitment to Help Veterans Transition into the Workforce --***

**November 11, 2016, Lake Forest, CA** – This Veterans Day, Apria Healthcare – one of the nation's largest home healthcare companies – proudly salutes the incredible efforts of those who have served and continue to serve the United States. For several decades, Apria has been steadfastly committed to helping veterans transition back into workforce and honoring their services through company-wide and nationwide initiatives.

In 2016 alone, Apria has shown its support and pride for veterans through a variety of activities. The company has a long-standing, ongoing presence on multiple veteran career boards and actively participates in veteran job fairs. Apria also initiated a Facebook “Friending” campaign with 30 different military veteran groups and created Veteran Connect, an internal platform for Apria veterans and employees to network, build relationships, and share experiences with one another.

Recently, Apria joined the Department of Defense Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP), an employment and career program that connects military spouses with partner employers who are committed to recruiting military spouses in portable careers. By becoming partners of the MSEP, Apria continues to be a leader in a collective effort to support military spouse employment and connect military spouses with the careers they deserve.

Finally, Apria was also notably awarded the Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee (ESGR), for supporting veterans who have served in the National Guard or Reserve.

“It’s been a true honor to work for and grow with Apria over the past 30 years,” said Jon Spratt, Director of Bio-Med & Repair Operations at Apria Healthcare. “I started working for Apria as a repair technician right after enlisting with the National Guard, and helped launch our bio-medical repair facility, which was

new and entrepreneurial in the 80s, but today spans more than 350 local branches and 47 states. Part of my role is recruiting equipment repair technicians – whose work is incredibly critical to the wellbeing of our patients – and we have focused a large part of our efforts to seeking out veterans because of their relevant experience, strong character, disciplined work ethic and perseverance. These qualities resonate strongly with the culture at Apria, and speak to our drive and connected efforts to put our patients’ needs first.”

This November, Apria continues the momentum of its veteran-focused initiatives by participating in the “Yellow Ribbon Campaign,” and encouraging its employees to place a yellow ribbon – a symbol of remembrance and awareness – outside their cubicle, homes and facilities to show their support and solidarity.

For more information on Apria’s commitment to helping veterans and their families, please visit <https://www.apria.com/careers/hiring-heroes/>.

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Apria is a privately held company owned by a group of investment limited partnerships managed by affiliates of Blackstone (NYSE:BX). Through its Apria Healthcare LLC operating unit, Apria provides home respiratory therapy, negative pressure wound therapy, home enteral nutrition therapy and support, and home medical equipment through more than 350 locations throughout the continental United States and Hawaii and serves more than 1.8 million patients each year. As one of the nation’s largest and leading home healthcare companies, Apria was the first company of its type to obtain voluntary accreditation from The Joint Commission and has been continuously accredited for more than 25 years. For more information, visit [www.apria.com](http://www.apria.com)