

Two Types of Soldiers

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One type of soldier is dedicated to defeating illness, disease, and physical abnormalities caused by injury and congenital defects. Brother Gerald White, (TECO employee and Vice Chairman of the Hillsborough County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees) and John Ramil (President and Chief Operating Officer of TECO Energy, Inc.) had the unique opportunity to observe soldiers in the medical field in action.

Tampa General Hospital's White Coat Mini-Internship program pairs community and business leaders up with physicians for an entire day of exposure to non-scripted hospital work. They go on rounds with their doctor partner, conferences, to patient bedsides, and even view operations. Brother White was extremely impressed with the hospitals technology and staff kindness. "I saw only compassion, caring, and nurturing in the exchanges of the doctors and families in the waiting room."

Brother White has also had exposure to the soldier that volunteers to serve their country. His 19-year-old daughter, Geryah, is training at the U.S. Military Academy. This West Point Cadet thrives on mental and physical challenges. "It's just a matter of going one step further than you thought you could." We salute Cadet Geryah White and wish her a safe and rewarding experience. She is scheduled to graduate with the class of 2009.

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