



HJF in FY20

A Message from Joseph Carvalho, Jr.,
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When this fiscal year began in October 2019, HJF was focused on advancing military medicine through our continued efforts with partners in the Department of Defense, the National Institutes of Health and other organizations, such as Leonardo DRS. We concentrated on research programs that benefit the warfighter, wherever they may be located around the world, knowing that what benefits the warfighter, ultimately benefits civilians as well.

We were helping the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health in their “Stop the Bleed” campaign, working with the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Pediatrics department to administer an art therapy program through a partnership with Tracy’s Kids, and celebrating Walter Reed Army Institute of Research’s Military HIV Research Program’s 10th anniversary of the RV144 HIV vaccine study.

We were focused on continued modernization of our organization—launching new internal systems for Human Resources and Communications as well as delivering new services such as our Information Technology teams’ Authority to Operate offering.

We made changes by welcoming new leadership as we organized our programs into four customer-driven portfolios. These efforts were made to increase access and efficiency and to better serve our customers. We started to bring our partners closer to us, too, by building out parts of our leased building to accommodate their offices and laboratories—again with the aim at better serving their needs.

And then, as the winter turned to spring, a new virus that first appeared in one region quickly became a pandemic. It refocused our efforts and moved us into a “warp speed” of response to ensure that what we do best is readily available and accessible for our customers. As we continued, without operational interruption, to advance our work with the important partners mentioned above, we also shifted our expertise to assist them in efforts targeting the coronavirus and the disease it causes, COVID-19.

This report showcases HJF’s efforts in response to COVID-19 as well as our continued work advancing military medicine—because the work we do for military medicine translates into advances in the civilian world, too. Together, we will combat infectious diseases like COVID-19 and drive results in other areas of military medicine, as we do everything in our power to ensure that military heroes stay as healthy and safe as possible.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph Carvalho, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "J" and "C".

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