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### **Dr. Karl Braun Named Health Care Heroes Award Finalist**

*Recognized for contributions to WWII veterans and mission work in Nicaragua*

CINCINNATI (December 15, 2016) — The Cincinnati Business Courier has recognized Dr. Karl B. Braun of The Urology Group as a finalist for the 2017 Health Care Heroes awards. This annual program honors individuals and organizations who have improved the quality of healthcare in Greater Cincinnati through their medical expertise, innovative approaches, management skills and service to the poor and uninsured.

In addition to providing outstanding care for his patients, Dr. Braun was honored for his ongoing mission work as well as a deep commitment to honoring U.S. veterans.

Dr. Braun was a driving force behind two veteran events: a Pearl Harbor 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon held on Dec. 7 and a trip in 2015 to Washington, D.C. for four veterans to commemorate Victory in Europe (V-E) Day. Since The Urology Group has many patients who are also World War II veterans, Dr. Braun suggested his organization find ways to show gestures of respect and tribute to these men and women. The Pearl Harbor event brought together 75 World War II veterans—one of the largest such gatherings in the nation.

For the past several years, Dr. Braun has also performed mission work in Chinandega, Nicaragua, in partnership with the nonprofit organization Amigos for Christ. During the trips, Dr. Braun provides urological treatment at Hospital España, a 100-bed hospital striving to serve a population of approximately 350,000. In addition to his surgical work, he serves the community by working with teams to improve the water and sanitation conditions, increase access to fundamental education and improve economic development.

Earlier this year, his fellow physicians at The Urology Group presented Dr. Braun with the Physician Citizen of the Year award, which is based on philanthropy or public service. Dr. Braun joined The Urology Group in 1997 and currently works in the Blue Ash and Anderson offices. He is a member of the American Urological Association, the American Association of Clinical Urologists and the Large Urology Group Practice Association.

The Health Care Heroes finalists will be honored and the winners announced at an awards dinner in February in Cincinnati.

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#### **About The Urology Group**

The Urology Group is one of the largest single specialty groups of urologists in the United States, with 39 physicians on staff. The Urology Group provides medical and surgical care for all diseases and disorders of the urinary tract in men and women and the genital tract of men. Headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a 55,000-square-foot advanced-care facility, the group includes practices extending from Northern Kentucky to Middletown, Ohio, and from Southeastern Indiana to Adams County, Ohio.