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for attack-defense products that address the ever-evolving landscape of online threats.”

She also recommends to get CompTIA-certified and “stay up-to-date with the constant change in the technological world.”

Darwish, who is supportive of charities such as Veterans Strike Force and Equality Illinois for the LGBT community, indicates SAC provides “plenty of in-house training and career development tools that I use not just for the tech field, but also for overall growth.”

Darwish’s transition from the U.S. Army to civilian life was made possible by SAC. “I served as an IT specialist in the Army during my deployment to the Middle East, which allowed me to gain the knowledge and experience that I was able [use] to transition into our company.”

“Another **project** has been the laptop giveaway for children of our **employees**, which is probably my favorite because we’re able to put **smiles** on lots of faces.”

Through the Army, Darwish also earned some IT career experience before transitioning out into the civilian workforce.

“I was interviewed toward the end of my deployment where I stated that I was in hope of being afforded the opportunity to learn and grow within SAC to become a successful IT professional,” she shares.

“SAC worked with me every step of the way in my return home to help me transition to our team at SAC. Here I am five months later with SAC, constantly learning every day from my team.”

Darwish further enthusiastically notes that “at this time, SAC is recruiting. Check them out!”

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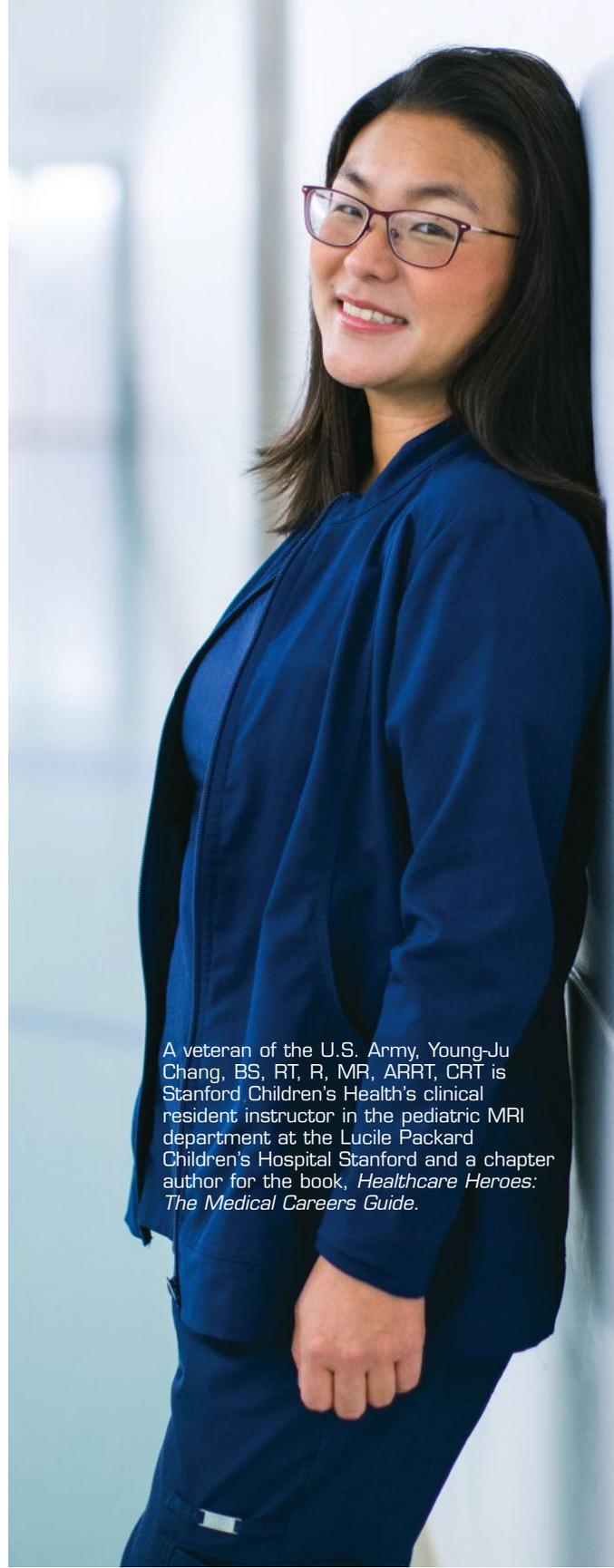
ARMY VET CHANG HELPS PATIENTS & DOCTORS AT STANFORD CHILDREN’S HEALTH

Originally from Brooklyn, NY, and currently based in San Jose, CA, Young-Ju Chang, BS, RT, R, MR, ARRT, CRT has many titles: Stanford Children’s Health’s clinical resident instructor in the pediatric MRI department at the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford, a chapter author - she wrote a chapter about the profession for the book, *Healthcare Heroes: The Medical Careers Guide*, healthcareheroesbook.com, and U.S. Army veteran.

“I joined the military because I felt I needed to give back to the United States for allowing my family the freedom to live in this country,” explains Chang, who adds that although she was born in the U.S., she “wouldn’t have been here if my parents weren’t here.”

For Chang, the military to civilian transition was a bit bumpy. “Right after basic training and military occupation specialty (MOS), or job training, as a radiologic specialist, my previous plans for going to college were hard, and I didn’t know how to focus,” she recalls.

“I felt I wasn’t on par with other young adults in my age



A veteran of the U.S. Army, Young-Ju Chang, BS, RT, R, MR, ARRT, CRT is Stanford Children’s Health’s clinical resident instructor in the pediatric MRI department at the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford and a chapter author for the book, *Healthcare Heroes: The Medical Careers Guide*.

group. I knew I had to refocus and point to what I wanted to do, which was to find a plan so I could live independently on my terms.”

Before earning her certification as a civilian medical imaging technologist, which, she says, “that would be equivalent to the military radiologic specialist,” she started her job search through the internet by listing skills that she acquired from the military: basic medical education and leadership.

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“I focused on jobs that were related to hospital-based medical imaging departments with a patient care aspect,” Chang notes.

Today, as a certified MRI technologist at Stanford’s Children’s Health, Chang receives and follows through a healthcare provider’s orders on which body part needs to be imaged.

“Then I review the patient’s medical history and research implants that they may have. When the patient arrives, I prepare, educate, and position patients to obtain images as prescribed by the radiologists,” she details.

Chang further maintains, adjusts and reports quality issues about the machines to assure that the image quality is optimal. “As the clinical resident instructor, I also act as a liaison for the radiologists to the MRI staff, and share knowledge that would benefit patients, their families, and staff to provide a positive and safe hospital environment.”

She does recommend young veterans enroll in college. “A college education will not only give you the knowledge foundation of ‘expectations’ from civilian employers, but also you will gain knowledge to build upon within your career. If you want to change careers at any point in your life, your degree will help get you there. It may not be easy, and you may need to sacrifice, but having that degree will be your valued possession.”

Adds Chang: “Serving in the military brought me success in my career. It’s built a foundation in professionalism, awareness, and experience in leadership and management into my life. Personally, it has brought me pride and confidence. It’s shown me that I can do anything and everything, as long as I push myself and keep motivated.”

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