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**Paul Downs**  
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Paul Downs joined the Boulder Crest Retreat team in July 2016. Boulder Crest Retreat (BCR) is the nation's first privately-funded rural wellness center dedicated exclusively to combat veterans and their families. Opened in September 2013, BCR serves approximately 700 guests annually. BCR is open to combat veterans (defined as anyone who deployed to a war zone) from any generation and conflict, including active-duty, reserve and National Guard personnel, veterans and family members. BCR focuses on providing short-duration, high-impact retreats for those who have served, or are serving.

Paul was born in Dallas, Texas and raised in Virginia. He enlisted into the Marine Corps on December 3, 2003. He served in three different units over a ten-year career, and deployed twice with 2/2, Fox Company. After leaving Fox Co., Paul reported to Officer Candidates School permanent personnel in Tactics Platoon as a platform instructor. After three years in that role, he served at the Marine Corps Information Operations Center (MCIOC) as Psychological Operations, where he finished his military career.

Prior to joining Boulder Crest, Paul worked as the Manager, Military Information Support Operations Program of Instruction at Whitney, Bradley & Brown. Paul is a graduate of Boulder Crest Retreat's Warrior PATHH program, and is currently studying for his B.S. in psychology.