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Hiring Fair to be Held at Navy Pier for Veterans, Active Duty and Their Families

Special hiring event to feature financial workshops and holiday care package assembly for troops; Navy Pier also to provide veterans and their families free rides on the new, grand Centennial Wheel

CHICAGO – CareerBuilder, Fifth Third Bank, Illinois Patriot Education Fund and Navy Pier have come together in a joint effort to host a **Hiring Fair for Veterans, Active Duty and Their Families** on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Crystal Gardens at Navy Pier (600 E. Grand, Chicago). The event is free and open to the public.

“This is our third annual event,” explained Robert Sullivan, Regional President, Fifth Third Bank. “We are proud to host a forum where local veterans, military and their family members can connect with employers who are hiring. What’s been great is that more than 30 veterans have received on the spot job offers at previous events.”

Among the employers who will be at the Hiring Fair seeking to fill open positions include: Grossinger Auto Group, Fifth Third Bank, Foley, Dunbar Armored, Navy Pier, Bob’s Discount Furniture, and others. The positions employers seek to fill include engineers, sales, banking, events, medical, insurance brokers, warehouse and the like.

Other activities and offerings at the event include financial related workshops, fundraising for the Illinois Patriot Education Fund, complimentary rides on Navy Pier’s *Centennial Wheel* for veterans, active duty and their families, and holiday-themed care packages for troops from the area who are now serving overseas.

“Navy Pier is honored to serve as the hosting venue for the Hiring Fair and proud to support our veterans, active duty members and their families as they seek employment,” said Marilyn Gardner, President and CEO of Navy Pier, Inc. “As participants of the Fair, we also look forward to speaking with and potentially hiring some of the brave men and women who have served our country, in addition to extending them free rides on our new *Centennial Wheel*.”

"Our partnership with Fifth Third Bank allows us to send more scholars to college. With a strong education, our veterans and their families can help build stronger communities in Illinois. These scholarships fill the financial gap that the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill created," Mark Slaby, I-PEF Founder & Chairman.

This event is part of Fifth Third Bank’s ongoing veteran related efforts, which include fundraising, community service, care packages for troops serving overseas and more. The bank’s veterans-related efforts have been awarded several prestigious awards, including the Illinois Bankers Association Community Service Award, Hermes Corporate Social Responsibility Platinum Aware and the IL Governor’s Service aware.

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