

Media Advisory

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Annual 'Race for the Warriors' runs the Airport

FORT WAYNE, Ind. – The Northeast Indiana Base Community Council will host the 3rd annual 'Race for the Warrior' 5k/10k charity fundraiser race and walk, April 29, 2017, at the Fort Wayne International Airport's Air Trade Centre, presented by Aerotek, www.aerotek.com.

Race day registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with the race at 9 a.m., and will follow a course through the airfield's taxiways, runways and cargo ramp and is certified by U.S. Track and Field. Timing for runners will be provided by, To The Finish, LLC. from Evansville Ind.

Free event parking, check-in and pre / post-race activities will all take place at the Fort Wayne International Airport's Air Trade Centre, 4401 Altitude Drive, Fort Wayne IN 46809. A \$25.00 registration fee for the 5K and \$30.00 for the 10k will provide runners with a commemorative T-shirt, featuring a race logo created by Katie Briner, as well as other items donated by NIBCC members and supporters.

"Signing up for the 'Race for the Warriors' is a way everyone can show their support for local military families," said Patrick Dooley, director of airport development with FWA and NIBCC council president. "Our all-volunteer committee is working tirelessly to make every aspect of this run unique and fun for the entire family."

Both Dooley and retired Capt. Eric Flores, senior mortgage consultant with Union Home Mortgage, will co-chair the run and lead the team of volunteers working to manage production of the event.

Proceeds from the race will benefit the NIBCC's Military Support Fund, which assists military families in times of need.

The council's Military Support Fund is managed in partnership with The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, and has helped more than 120 local military families during its few years of operation.

"One unique aspect of our Military Support Fund is that it is available to enlisted members of the Armed Forces who are currently serving but not deployed," said NIBCC past president Tammy Kelly. "While there are many wonderful organizations supporting our Nation's defenders, service members may not qualify for other programs, or there is a lengthier application process and wait time for relief. Our support fund can provide immediate short-term aid to military members when emergencies arise, allowing them to stay more focused on their mission and care of their families."

Individuals interested in donating to the Military Support Fund should visit the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne's website (<u>www.cfgfw.org</u>).

To sign-up and register, or for more information, visit www.raceforthewarrior.org or see the Northeast Indiana Base Community Council's website (www.fortwaynebcc.org). Facebook https://www.facebook.com/events/1624705694429701/

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