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No Barriers Warriors, Wells Fargo announces call for “Warriors to Summits” 2015 expedition applicants

Gannett Peak expedition will offer transformative experience for veterans and transitioning service members with disabilities

Fort Collins, CO (Feb. 3, 2015) – Wells Fargo will renew and expand its relationship with nonprofit No Barriers USA in 2015 through its sponsorship of the Warriors to Summits initiative and its 2015 expedition to Gannett Peak. The Warriors to Summits initiative is one of multiple programs that No Barriers USA offers veterans to:

- Provide quality transformative experiences for warriors to help them overcome their barriers
- Inspire warriors to grow and continue to contribute their absolute best to the world
- Develop a community support network to provide opportunities for warriors to stay engaged

Wells Fargo became involved with the program in 2014 when it sponsored No Barriers USA’s veterans’ program, then known as Soldiers to Summits. In January 2015, Soldiers to Summits changed its name to No Barriers Warriors, but its focus remains the same. Wells Fargo’s sponsorship will continue to focus on supporting veterans and transitioning service members with disabilities through No Barriers USA’s Warriors to Summits initiative.

“It’s an honor and a privilege to support the brave men and women who served our country and are returning home while facing the challenges associated with their injuries,” says John Toth, No Barriers Warriors, director, a program of No Barriers USA. “We applaud forward-thinking and acting entities such as Wells Fargo that put the full force of their resources into making life better for these individuals through programs like Warriors to Summits.”

“Wells Fargo is proud to renew and expand its relationship with No Barriers Warriors,” said Jerry Quinn, Wells Fargo Military Affairs program manager. “The 13 veterans who participated in 2014’s Mission Mt. Whitney have not only transformed their lives, but their personal stories of overcoming barriers through this program have been an inspiration to many of our team members and the communities we serve. We look forward to following the journey of the next group and being there every step of the way.”

This year’s Warriors to Summits expedition will be to Gannett Peak, the apex of the entire Central Rockies; at 13,804 feet it is located in Wyoming between Fremont and Sublette Counties along the Continental Divide. There will be two team trainings prior to the expedition launch, and the summit is planned for September 11.

No Barriers Warriors’ high profile work began with its founding members, among them Erik Weihenmayer, the first and only blind climber to summit Everest and kayak through the Grand Canyon. The organization has trained and supported expeditions for healing military veterans and

others through Asia, South America and the U.S., including the team that accompanied Prince Harry to the South Pole in 2013, and is the subject of the feature length documentary “High Ground.”

To apply to be one of 14 team members for the Gannett Peak expedition or find media and supporter information for the 2015 Wells Fargo-sponsored Warriors to Summits expedition, visit warriorstosummits.org.

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About No Barriers Warriors

No Barriers Warriors, is a program of No Barriers USA, whose mission is to unleash the potential of the human spirit. The program empowers veterans and transitioning service members with disabilities, and survivors of the fallen, to overcome barriers and unleash their potential. Their experiences serve as both an opportunity for growth and catalyst for change as these brave men and women stretch boundaries, build teams, innovate through adversity and step up to lead and serve others. Complementing the reintegration process, this program provides quality transformative experiences that inspire warriors to grow and continue to contribute their absolute best to the world.

About Wells Fargo’s Military Affairs Program

In 2012, Wells Fargo created a Military Affairs program to elevate its efforts in serving active duty military and veterans, and named a Military Affairs Program manager. Within the first two years, Wells Fargo donated more than \$49 million to homeownership, career transition and financial education initiatives.

The Company:

- Donated or was in the process of donating more than 230 Real Estate Owned (REO) properties valued at more than \$37 million to wounded veterans
- Hired more than 3,600 veterans and participated in more than 500 military job fairs
- Launched *Hands on Banking*[®] for Military, a financial education program that has been viewed by more than 40,000 people since last year
- Donated nearly \$12 million to military- and veteran- related nonprofits.

From the start of our program, Wells Fargo always believed in giving a hand up, rather than a hand out. The Company plans to take that a step further in 2015 by helping empower military members, veterans and their families to own homes, and achieve professional and financial success. Wells Fargo is also proud to renew and expand its relationship with No Barriers USA in 2015 through its sponsorship of the Warriors to Summits expedition.