No Barriers, Wells Fargo Seek Alumni for the 2019 Warrior Strong: The Journey Continues Expedition

Alumni applications accepted through April 3, 2019

FORT COLLINS, COLO., Mon. March 4, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) - No Barriers and Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC) are building a team of No Barriers Warriors alumni for the 2019 Warrior Strong: The Journey Continues expedition to Mt. Baker, a glaciated volcano in Washington State's Cascade Mountain Range. This epic journey, designed to provide rigorous mental and physical challenges, aims to help the veterans reflect on their past, recognize their contributions to their communities, and develop a vision for their continued service.

No Barriers Warriors Program Director and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran John Toth believes the developmental sessions leading up to and following the expedition are critical distinguishing aspects of the program.

"We want to give the team the opportunity to challenge themselves to summit Mt. Baker and continue to elevate and serve in their communities as leaders," said Toth. "As they continue to recognize the significant and life changing gifts they've been given, we know they will do just that - displaying devotion, persistence, perseverance, commitment, teamwork at home, in the community and in the workplace."

The veterans will train at the 2019 No Barriers Summit at North Lake Tahoe, California in June, where they will start to develop a strong team dynamic and physically prepare for the expedition. In September, the team will journey to Mt. Baker and attempt to summit on 9/11. After the journey is complete, the team will gather in San Diego, California in November for a post expedition developmental session to work on the personal goals each set during the expedition.

In 2014, Wells Fargo expanded its commitment to military service members, veteran and their families by sponsoring No Barriers Warriors. Together, Wells Fargo and No Barriers have taken more than 60 veterans with disabilities on transformative expeditions throughout the United States.

"It has been an honor to sponsor No Barriers Warriors and follow the veterans as they continue to advance their teamwork and leadership attributes," said Jerry Quinn, Wells Fargo Military Affairs Program manager and Army reservist. "At Wells Fargo, we value those qualities and look forward to supporting the 2019 participants through their transformative journey."

To learn more about the 2019 Warrior Strong: The Journey Continues expedition, please visit https://nobarriersusa.org/experiences/expeditions/warrior-strong-journey-continues-expedition/. No Barriers Warriors alumni can apply through April 3, 2019 at https://www.tfaforms.com/4709301.

The program schedule is as follows:

- Alumni applications accepted through April 3, 2019
- Pre-Expedition training: June 13-16 in North Lake Tahoe, California at the 2019 No Barriers Summit
- Expedition: Sept. 5-14 in Mt. Baker, Washington
- Reunion: Nov. 7-10 in San Diego, California

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About No Barriers Warriors

No Barriers Warriors, a program of **No Barriers USA**, is focused on improving the lives of veterans with disabilities through transformative, curriculum-based expeditions in challenging outdoor environments. Each No Barriers Warriors expedition is designed to push veterans mentally and physically in some of nature's more incredible wilderness settings. We create a safe space and encourage them to reflect on their past, recognize where they are in the present and then look with positivity to the future. The experience serves as a catalyst for change as veterans stretch their boundaries, innovate through adversity, and build lifelong rope teams.

About Wells Fargo's Commitment to Military and Veterans

Wells Fargo has been committed to service members, veterans and their families for more than 165 years. In 2012, the company created the Military Affairs Program to expand its outreach to military service members, veterans, and their families who may be facing financial hardships as part of its commitment to helping communities succeed.

Since 2012, Wells Fargo has donated more than \$130 million to support military- and veteran-related nonprofits focused on housing initiatives, career transition and financial education.

Highlights include:

- Donated more than 350 mortgage-free homes, valued at more than \$55 million, to veterans in all 50 states.
- Hired more than 8,400 veterans, and participated in more than 1,200 military job fairs
- Provided basic financial education to more than a million military service members, veterans and their families.

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