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Navient supports getaway for wounded soldiers and their families

Operation SEAs the Day to host warrior beach week Sept. 8-13

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 17, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Navient is joining other local employers and community groups to support a weeklong getaway for wounded veterans and their families. The third annual warrior beach week, "Operation SEAs the Day," will be held Sept. 8-13 in Bethany Beach, Del.

The mission of the nonprofit is to "organize and facilitate a 'beach week' event for our wounded soldiers and their families as a means of showing our appreciation for their service and sacrifice." This year, 31 wounded veterans, together with their families will participate in the weeklong vacation at area beach houses and condos.

"Navient has engaged its employees in a unique way to assist our brave American families in their transition to civilian life," said Richard Katon, founder and board member of Operation SEAs the Day. "Operation SEAs the Day is a 100 percent volunteer organization that honors our returning wounded heroes. Thanks to sponsors like Navient, we can show our appreciation for their service and sacrifice. We offer these heroes and their families an expense-free week at the beach with many supportive amenities as well as with other families in similar circumstance. We have seen and heard of many positive outcomes that last far beyond the week. We thank Navient and their employees for their generosity."

When the families arrive, they will receive a welcome basket with gifts and discounts to local restaurants, stores and entertainment venues. Organizers have also planned several community events, including a welcome reception at the local VFW Post on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Navient provided a \$5,000 sponsorship to help underwrite the costs for the weeklong event. In addition, employees raised more than \$7,500 for gift cards and merchandise for the veterans and their families.

To make a contribution to Operation SEAs the Day or for information about volunteer opportunities, visit www.operationseastheday.org.

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