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**BANTERRA BANK PRESENTS "SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM" – JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>;  
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS VS PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

Marion, IL – Banterra Bank presents "Southern Illinois Day At Busch Stadium" on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the St. Louis Cardinals taking on the Philadelphia Phillies, game time 1:15 p.m. Tickets are only \$25 and a portion of the proceeds benefit the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI) Warrior Program.\*

Banterra Bank is the exclusive ticket outlet for this great value and event. Tickets are now on sale at Banterra's 22 Illinois branches.

The AFFI Warrior Program started in January of 2013 and provides equipped vehicles to Illinois soldiers who have lost a limb(s) serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Last fall, they provided a vehicle to West Frankfort native and Army Specialist Chaz Ligon. This year, they will be providing a vehicle to Metropolis native Jared Bullock. Jared lost his arm and leg in an IED explosion in Afghanistan in November of 2013.

In addition to raising funds for the AFFI Warrior Program through Cardinals ticket sales, all Illinois Banterra branches will also sell AFFI Support Our Troops t-shirts for \$20 each beginning on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from t-shirt sales will support the AFFI Warrior Program.

"We are honored to be able to provide equipped vehicles to those who have sacrificed so much to serve our country." said Jon Alexander, West Frankfort Fire Fighter and member of the AFFI Warrior Program. "We are thrilled that Banterra has chosen our charity to donate their Southern Illinois Cardinal ticket proceeds to and that they are also helping us raise funds by selling our t-shirts in their Illinois branches."

Banterra started their Cardinal program in Evansville in 2012. This year, all Banterra branches in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri will sell Cardinal tickets for specific community days. Check [banterra.com](http://banterra.com) for on-sale dates and details.

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois, in July of 1975. Today, Banterra has \$1.2 billion in total assets and more than 30 branches in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. For more information on Banterra, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377) or go to [banterra.com](http://banterra.com).

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