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## BANTERRA BANK TO PROMOTE AND RAISE MONEY FOR VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT DURING MARCH

Marion, IL – *Banterra Bank* will assist Veterans Honor Flight during March by promoting and selling patriotic die-cuts in nearly 40 branches throughout Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. Customers, team members and the public are invited to purchase die-cuts in honor of a veteran for \$1, with all proceeds going to Veterans Honor Flights in both Southern Illinois and Southern Indiana.

This is the second year *Banterra* has selected Veterans Honor Flight for its company-wide promotion. *Banterra* raised more than \$3,000 during last year's fundraiser. *Banterra* team members can wear jeans on Fridays when making a donation. Since 2017, more than 100 *Banterra* team members have assisted with the Southern Illinois flight.

"*Banterra* is proud to partner with Veterans Honor Flight to honor our local veterans with a trip to Washington D.C.," said Jeff May, President. "Giving back to the community where we live and work is an important part of *Banterra*. It's a privilege to assist Veterans Honor Flight in providing this experience to men and women who have served our country."

The Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created to honor veterans for their sacrifices with a free one-day trip to Washington D.C. to visit memorials. Veterans Honor Flight covers airfare, bus fare, entry fees, food and supplies. In 2018, nearly 22,200 veterans have flown on an Honor Flight. Currently, there are 130 Honor Flight Hubs in 45 states. To learn more about the Honor Flight Network, go to [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org).

*Banterra Bank* supports a variety of charities throughout the year through donations, promotion and volunteerism, in addition to having ongoing charity fundraisers in their local branches throughout the year. In 2019, *Banterra* gave back nearly \$775,000 through sponsorships and donations, as well as nearly 5,000 pounds of food to local charities and nearly 3,000 volunteer hours.

*Banterra Bank* began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, *Banterra* has nearly \$2 billion in assets and is ranked in the Top Nine Percent of U.S. Charter Banks and Top Six Percent for Illinois Charter Banks, according to asset size. *Banterra* has 40 locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Arizona. In addition to offering a variety of personal and business banking products, *Banterra* provides services nationwide through specialty lending divisions including Aircraft Finance, Machine Tool Finance, Corporate, Transportation and RV and Marine Lending. *Banterra* also offers *Banterra* Insurance for auto, home, life, business and *Banterra* Investment services. For information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377), or go to [www.banterra.com](http://www.banterra.com).

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