



MEDIA ADVISORY

Where Opportunity Knox, Duke Energy to Support IU Southeast's "Honoring Our Veterans" Program

Veterans Day memorial service, luncheon planned for Wednesday, November 11 from 10:50 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. at IU Southeast

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NEW ALBANY, In. - On Wednesday, Nov. 11, [Where Opportunity Knox](#) and Duke Energy will partner with the IU Southeast Student Veterans Organization (SVO) to celebrate Veterans Day. The "Honoring Our Veterans" program will include a memorial service, bell ringing ceremony and luncheon, all of which will recognize IU Southeast current students, student graduates, faculty and staff who are veterans.

Presenters for this student-led event include IU Southeast Chancellor Ray Wallace; former Air Force Brigadier General Rob Givens; Humana's Veteran's Program Manager Josh Galle; Where Opportunity Knox Executive Director Beth Avey; and Duke Energy's Government and Community Relations Manager Lisa Brones Huber.

According to Student Veterans Special Project Facilitator Jillian Coursin, "The purpose of the SVO is to provide on-campus support and an educational, social and networking mechanism that assists in the transition from military to civilian life. We are excited to host this annual event in support of all of the University's veterans."

"SVOs can play an integral part to Veterans success and this event is a great example of the support available to Veterans and transitioning service members looking to connect with other Veterans and have a positive transition," said Beth Avey, Executive Director of Where Opportunity Knox. "We are proud to partner with the IUS student organizers on this event and hope to partner with SVOs at other regional colleges and universities to recognize Veterans in the future."

Lisa Brones Huber, Duke Energy's Government and Community Relations Manager, added, "Veterans play a tremendous role for employers across the region and for our future workforce needs. We are a proud funder of Where Opportunity Knox and this important Veterans Day event partnership with IUS."

Where Opportunity Knox (www.whereopportunityknox.com) is a regional initiative to connect 10,000 transitioning veterans and military spouses to jobs and our region by the end of 2017. While numerous employers throughout the country have made the commitment to hire veterans, there is no geographic region that has taken on this challenge. Greater Louisville's 26-county region has a unique economic development opportunity to tap into this highly skilled Veteran talent like nowhere else in the nation due to the region's proximity to Fort Knox.

The Duke Energy Foundation, the founding sponsor of Where Opportunity Knox, annually funds more than \$25 million in charitable grants, with a focus on education, environment, economic and workforce development and community impact.

When: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015 from 10:50 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Where: IU Southeast, 4201 Grant Line Road, New Albany, IN 47150

What: “Honoring Our Veterans” Program
Memorial Service 10:50 a.m. – McCullough Plaza (Clock)
Bell Ringing Ceremony 11 a.m. – McCullough Plaza (Clock)
Veterans Luncheon 11:30 a.m. – Hoosier Room, University Center North (RSVP required)

RSVP is required for luncheon. Please RSVP to Cari Edwards at (812) 941-2375 or caaedwar@ius.edu. Please provide the following information when you RSVP: Are you a Purple Heart Awardee?

Who: Representatives from IU Southeast, Duke Energy, Where Opportunity Knox and other regional Veterans. (Where Opportunity Knox is an initiative of the Kentucky/Indiana Exchange (KIX). KIX managing partners are One Southern Indiana, Greater Louisville Inc. and the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce.)

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