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The St. Charles Companies, Chick-fil-A, and VConnections partner with the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs to honor Veterans for the 2016 baseball season.

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White Plains, Maryland—Starting April 22nd, and throughout the 2016 season, The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs will host “Salute the Troops Night” for all active military personnel, veterans, and their families at Friday night home games in partnership with The St. Charles Companies, Chick-fil-A, and VConnections, a local nonprofit organization that provides resources for veterans. In addition to baseball fun, “Salute the Troops Night” will offer on-field celebrations and well-deserved recognition of military service. Opportunities to learn more about “veteran-friendly” organizations and resources for veterans in the Southern Maryland region will be available through VConnections representatives in attendance.

The first “Salute the Troops Night” offers free admission for the Blue Crabs’ contest against the Lancaster Barnstormers. For the remaining Friday night home games, tickets have been donated by the Blue Crabs to VConnections. These free tickets will be distributed to service members and veterans at weekly VConnections Coffee Breaks, held at Chick-fil-A in La Plata on Mondays and in Waldorf on Wednesdays at 9 am (a valid ID will be required). “We are delighted to be a part of this partnership that allows us to reach out to and assist even more veterans in Southern Maryland,” stated Bill Buffington, Executive Director of VConnections.

“The Blue Crabs contribute a great deal to our community and our veterans have contributed even more. We’re proud to have this opportunity through this partnership to honor the heroes of our community,” stated Craig J. Renner, Vice President of St. Charles Companies.

“Chick-fil-A is proud to build on these efforts with our partners to recognize our military friends,” stated proprietors Ken Weikel and Jon Flatley. “These celebrations will include and expand on our daily recognition of POW/MIAs at every home game.”

For more information about VConnections Coffee Breaks and ticket distribution for “Salute the Troops Night,” please visit <http://vconnections.org>.

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