



## **MV Transportation, Inc. Launches Patriot Express Veterans Transportation Service**

*New Service For Veterans, By Veterans...An Industry First*

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**CHICAGO (November 11, 2015)** – -- Today on Veterans Day, MV Transportation, Inc. is proud to announce the launch of a new transportation service designed to transform the lives of American heroes – military veterans – who have unselfishly served our country and provided freedom to millions of people in the United States and all over the world.

Patriot Express is a new kind of transportation service for veterans, by veterans. Through the use of MV's Patriot Express mobile app and other online applications, veterans going for treatment at Veterans Administration hospitals and clinics can directly book their rides to and from their medical appointments. On return trips, they will be able to use the app or on-premises kiosks to indicate they are ready for pick up.

Trip requests then will be routed directly to drivers in specialized vehicles designed to easily and conveniently transport ambulatory riders and people with disabilities. To provide employment opportunities to unemployed or under employed former service members, Patriot Express drivers also will be military veterans.

A revolutionary concept created by Air Force Brigadier General (retired) John Michel, MV's Chief Strategy Officer, Patriot Express is part of MV's overall strategic vision to create job opportunities for 2,000 military veterans in the next 3 years. Patriot Express creates a virtuous circle of opportunity, dignity, honor and respect, and establishes the nation's first scalable veterans serving veterans initiative.

"Today, 3.4 million veterans have a service-connected disability that requires regular medical attention, and at the same time, there are more than half a million unemployed veterans nationwide," Michel said. "MV Transportation has been providing the freedom of mobility and access to medical appointments for people with disabilities and the transit dependent for 40 years. MV's Patriot Express expands our mission and exclusively focuses on providing this same

access to our veterans and to those veterans interested in getting them to critical medical care.”

In addition to its existing pool of veteran drivers, MV is committed to hiring as many drivers as possible from the national pool of 500,000 unemployed and underemployed veterans, who will be rigorously pre-screened, using the Department of Veteran Affairs privacy and security standards. As part of our commitment to ensure the Patriot Express service is for veterans by veterans, MV has partnered with several veteran-owned and veteran-supported businesses. MV’s Patriot Express will affect system-wide change that is truly in service of our American heroes.

“We are extremely excited about the unlimited possibilities of Patriot Express and what this service will do to empower, encourage and uplift our service heroes,” said MV’s Chief Executive Officer Brian Kibby, a military veteran as well. “Our veterans deserve access to quality healthcare services, and meaningful and satisfying employment opportunities. That’s the primary goal of Patriot Express.”

MV’s Patriot Express service will officially commence on November 12th, 2015 with service to the Edward Hines, Jr., VA Hospital as part of an existing Service Agreement to provide veteran transportation to eligible veterans with scheduled medical appointments at the VA or VA authorized facilities. The first MV Patriot Express driver is Mr. Warren Byrd who proudly served in the U. S. Air Force.

To mark the occasion, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 10:00AM on November 12th at MV’s Chicago headquarters located at **4400 W. 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, 60632**. Press inquiries about the ceremony should be directed to Nikki Frenney-Wiggins at the contact details below.

### **About MV Transportation, Inc.**

Headquartered in Dallas, MV Transportation, Inc. is the largest private provider of paratransit services and the largest privately-owned passenger transportation contracting firm based in the United States. The company employs more than 17,500 dedicated transit professionals in 146 locations around the world.

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