Get ready for a very special hiring celebration this National Hire a Veteran Day on July 25! Each year, brave men and women from the military service return to civilian life. This day was created to remind job seekers and employers alike that these veterans’ experience and dedication can breathe new life into the workforce. It aims to teach people about the value of hiring a veteran.

Get Ready for the Back to School Event of the Year! It’s never too early to register for this annual JSS event that provides FREE school supplies and Backpacks to kids ranging in age from 5-18.

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