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MEDIA ALERT

SHORELINE SIGHTSEEING HOSTS WOUNDED WARRIOR BENEFIT CRUISE *Cruise Kicks off Four-Day Event honoring Wounded Vets*

WHO: Shoreline Sightseeing, The Wounded Warriors Project, Adaptive Adventures and Chicago Firefighters Local 2

WHAT: Cruise to Benefit Wounded Warriors and recently wounded military personnel

Welcoming Ceremonies Include:

- Remarks by James A. Balcer, 11th Ward Alderman
- Chad Watson, Wounded Warrior Chicago Outreach Office
- Pipes and Drums of the Chicago Fire Department in kilts uniform
- Hook and Ladder with giant American flag onsite
- Chicago Police Department Marine Unit Escort Boats

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 12, approx. 6:30 pm; Cruise departs at 7:00 pm**

WHERE: Shoreline Sightseeing dock area at Ogden Slip, Navy Pier, 600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611 (Mapping reference: 61 East Streeter Drive)

Welcoming ceremonies prior to the Shoreline Benefit Cruise will kick off the 2nd Annual Wounded Warrior Adaptive Sports Camp Event. Twenty wounded soldiers will be guests of The Wounded Warrior Project for this four-day event which will include sports and recreation activities organized by Adaptive Adventures. The soldiers will also be special VIP guests at the Air & Water Show.

The Benefit Cruise is a collaborative effort of: **Shoreline Sightseeing**, celebrating its 70th Birthday, is Chicago's largest boat touring company. **The Wounded Warrior Project**, a veterans service organization accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs, whose mission includes raising awareness and enlisting the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women. **Adaptive Adventures** provides sports and recreation opportunities to improve the quality of life for all those with physical disabilities with a special focus on recently injured military. Volunteers of **Chicago Firefighters Local 2** have been actively supporting the Midwest activities of The Wounded Warrior Project since 2006. **Phil Stefani Restaurants** is contributing catering for the Benefit Cruise.

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