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Michaels Joins Military Spouse Employment Partnership

Retailer Commits to Recruit, Hire, Promote and Retain Military Spouses in Portable Careers

IRVING, Texas, Oct. 29, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Michaels](#) (Nasdaq:MIK), the world's largest arts and crafts specialty retailer, officially joined the Department of Defense Military Spouse Employment Partnership on Oct. 28, 2015, at the annual induction ceremony held at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Military Spouse Employment Partnership connects military spouses with more than 295 partner employers who have committed to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers.

Dr. Jill Biden launched the Military Spouse Employment Partnership on June 29, 2011, to serve spouses from all military services. The partnership is part of the Department of Defense's broader Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program, which seeks to reduce the 25 percent unemployment rate experienced by military spouses and close the 25 percent wage gap currently experienced by military wives.

By joining the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, Michaels is becoming part of an even larger collective effort to support military spouse employment. For more information on the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, please visit <https://msejobs.militaryonesource.mil>.

About The Michaels Companies, Inc.

The Michaels Companies, Inc., is North America's largest specialty retailer of arts and crafts. As of Aug. 1, 2015, the Company owns and operates 1,186 Michaels stores in 49 states and Canada and 118 Aaron Brothers stores, and produces 11 exclusive private brands including Recollections®, Studio Decor®, Bead Landing®, Creatology®, Ashland®, Celebrate It®, ArtMinds®, Artist's Loft®, Craft Smart®, Loops & Threads® and Imagin8®.

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