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Tee it Up!

Fourth Annual National Day of Golf to Benefit Troops



When: Friday, September 5, 2008

Location: Mendakota Country Club, Mendota Heights, MN

11:00 a.m.

****Arrival of *Tribute to the Troops* and *Patriot Guard Riders****

****Interview opportunities with tournament participants throughout the day***

12:00 Noon

***Military Flyover**

*** Wreath Laying Ceremony by Minnesota Gold Star Mothers**

***Honor Guard**

***Cannon Start**

Burnsville, Minnesota – Tee it up for the Troops, Inc. announces its fourth annual fundraising golf tournament taking place September 5, 2008, at Mendakota Country Club in Mendota Heights, Minnesota.

A non-profit organization, Tee it up for the Troops is designed to honor and assist members of the United States Armed Forces. It was established at the request of a young Minnesota soldier in Iraq who, when asked what family and friends could do for him, asked that something instead be done for the service members and families of the fallen and disabled back home.

The tournament each year is honored by the presence of military members who travel from Walter Reed Army Medical Center where they are currently recovering from battlefield injuries. Attendees from WRAMC this year include Lance Corporal William Congleton, Private Joshua Nielsen, and Corporal Cody Wilson.

Along with past and present military veterans, participants in the local tournament and around the country include celebrities from the sports and entertainment fields, business leaders, and professional golfers who support our troops.

In addition:

- Golf supplies donated by Bridgestone Golf are on their way to troops in Iraq where they will participate in a Long Drive Competition in conjunction with Tee it Up for the Troops. Bridgestone also generously donates balls and clubs to troops who have returned from overseas.
- Over 100 golf courses across the nation are holding events in conjunction with Tee it Up for the Troops, and the Club Managers Association of America and the Minnesota Section of the PGA also support this worthy cause.
- The public is invited to attend opening ceremonies and to participate in the Silent Auction.

Nearly \$1 million has been raised since Tee it Up began with proceeds going to over a dozen various programs including the Wounded Warrior Project, the Fisher House program at the Minneapolis V.A. Hospital, America Supports You and the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

For more information on the Tee it up for the Troops golf fundraising effort, please log onto www.teeitupforthetroops.com.

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