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MS Resort Classic Offers Free Admission for Military Appreciation Day Friday

Biloxi, Miss. (April 16) – All active or retired United States military personnel with a military ID are invited to enjoy complimentary admission for themselves and their families on Friday, April 30, at the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic at Fallen Oak. The tournament will conclude Sunday, May 2, with special military events as part of the closing awards ceremony.

Friday is the first day of competition and military personnel will also serve as standard bearers for each group of professional golfers.

“The support we have received from the military bases here has been overwhelming and we are honored to invite those who safeguard our freedom to be our guest and enjoy the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic,” said Steve Nieman, tournament director.

More than 200 military personnel have pitched in as volunteers for the week as well.

Ken Gestring, a 45-year-old emergency medical technician and a 24-year veteran stationed at Keesler Air Force Base, is one of those who will serve as a volunteer for caddie services. Gestring submitted his volunteer application online from Afghanistan. He ended a nine-month tour of duty there earlier this month, but not before he was injured by a grenade explosion.

His quick response to help save nine lives, including his own, has earned him the distinguished Purple Heart and the Air Force Combat Action Medal. He has already received the Army Combat Field Medal.

Tournament tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster online or by calling the Tournament office at (228) 896-6365 for \$15 each and they can be used any day of the tournament. Tickets will also be on sale at the gate. Children age 15 and under will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by a ticketed adult. All general parking will be staged at the IP Resort and Spa. Visit www.msgulfresortclassic.com for details and directions.

The Classic is one of 26 official events on the Champions Tour for 2010, and the field of 78 players will compete for the \$1.6 million purse and a \$240,000 first prize. Competitive rounds in the 54-hole event are set for Friday through Sunday. The popular pro-am tournaments will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, and they are open to the public with paid admission.

The tournament will be broadcast for 17½ hours by the Golf Channel and the benefiting charity is Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



Fallen Oak is the exclusive home course for the guests of Beau Rivage Resort and Casino. The Tom Fazio-designed course, which was opened in 2006, has earned 12 national honors and is ranked the second best gaming resort course in the country.

About the Champions Tour

Collectively, the Champions Tour has the most recognizable and accomplished players in the game with 16 World Golf Hall of Fame members actively competing in its events and numerous other major championship winners among its members. The Champions Tour is a tax-exempt membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older. Conceived in 1980 as the Senior PGA Tour, it started with just four events and purses totaling \$475,000. The Champions Tour will conduct 26 official Charles Schwab Cup events in 2010, offering \$51.5 million in official prize money, with the average tournament purse of \$1.98 million. The Champions Tour also generates significant monies for charity.

About the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic

This Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic is one of three new tournaments on the Champions Tour for 2010. It will be played April 28-May 2 at Fallen Oak. The tournament is uniquely funded by a dozen title sponsors, who see this event as an ideal way to showcase the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The tournament will be administered through the MGRC Foundation, Inc. The tournament will benefit Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Inc.