

Colonial Cup "Salute to the Military" will be November 19

CAMDEN - The Carolina Cup Racing Association is pleased to announce that the 42nd Annual Marion du Pont Scott Colonial Cup will feature a "Salute to the Military" on November 19.

Thousands of service personnel, active and retired, as well as their family members will be able to enjoy the fall steeplechase races free of charge. The CCRA begin complimentary ticket distribution on Tuesday, September 6th.

"After seeing all the military families enjoying the fall weather and festivities at last year's Colonial Cup, we knew we were on to something special," said Jeff Teter, Executive Director of the CCRA. "We are working to make this year even bigger and better. That's especially important because we want the festivities to welcome the newly arrived members of the Third Army at Shaw Air Force base."

In May, approximately 1,200 soldiers and 200 civilians, along with their families, began making their homes in Sumter. That

bolsters the U.S. Military's annual economic impact on the Midlands of South Carolina, which was already estimated at more than \$7 billion annually.

Tickets to the Colonial Cup will be available at the discount price of \$20 until the end of October. After that, prices increase to \$30. Children younger than 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

The Carolina Cup Racing Association relies on the Carolina Cup and the Colonial Cup races to fulfill its mission of operating Springdale Race Course as both an equestrian and tourism center.

Springdale Race Course is a world-renowned, 600-acre European style Thoroughbred racehorse training center that operates year-round and is home to Hall of Fame trainers Jonathan Sheppard and Janet Elliot. Famous equine residents have included Flat Top, Storm Cat, Forever Together, Zacchio and Ruffian. Learn more at www.carolina-cup.org