

Military and families get free Colonial Cup tickets

CAMDEN - Complimentary general admission tickets will be given to the first 3,000 military personnel and their family members to request them for the 42nd annual Colonial Cup International Steeplechase Race Day on Sat., Nov. 19, at the Springdale Race Course in Camden.

Race officials say that the free general admission tickets and 500 infield reserved parking spaces are being given on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning Sept. 6 as their way of saying "thank you."

"Contact the ITT/MWR office at your base and pick up a reservation form, complete the form, and mail or hand deliver the form to the Carolina Cup Racing Assn., 200 Knights Hill Rd., Camden, SC 29020," say officials. "Military guests may request up to six complimentary general admission tickets and one complimentary infield reserved parking space."

"At this 42nd running of the Marion du Pont Scott Colonial Cup international steeplechase race day, please be our guests as we thank our military and their families in ways

that go beyond an afternoon of fun and relaxation. Come spend your weekend in Camden, the site of a major Revolutionary War battle and the perfect place to honor our military heroes."

A special pre-race show at 11:00 a.m., features the Swearing In Ceremony of hundreds of Army recruits, patriotic songs medley, Color Guard, and the Carolina SkyDiving Parachute team "jumping the course" in front of the grandstand.

Gates open at 9:00. Post time for the first of six races, steeplechase and flat, is 12:30 with approximately 30 minutes between each race.

Other events include Jack Russell terrier trials, carousel rides, mule wagon rides, petting zoo, flag mural, military equipment display, buffalo soldiers display, and shopping at the Paddock Shoppes Retail Village.

Food vendors will offer hotdogs, hamburgers, sandwiches, homemade desserts, and soft drinks. No alcoholic beverages will be for sale at Springdale Race Course.

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