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Colonial Cup “Salute to the Military” Off To Fast Start; 1,600 Tickets for Military Distributed Already

CAMDEN, SC – The Carolina Cup Racing Association’s (CCRA) “Salute to the Military” is off to a fast start, as the Association has already given out 1,600 tickets to military personnel and their family members for the November 13th Colonial Cup.

And even with such a strong response – it’s only been just over two weeks since the distribution began – the CCRA says there are still about 1,400 free tickets for the military remaining.

In addition to celebrating the courage and contributions of American troops, the “Salute to the Military” also includes a range of infield entertainment: Jack Russell Terrier Trials, wagon rides, a carousel, displays of military equipment, and a special American flag design mural on which adults and children can write their notes of thanks to our troops. After the Colonial Cup the mural will be sent to Afghanistan where troops from a Camden-based South Carolina National Guard Unit are serving.

“We’re really excited that so many troops and their families have taken advantage of this opportunity,” said Teri Teed, Assistant Director of the CCRA. “It is important to show our military how grateful we are for everything they do for our state and nation, and this kind of turnout will give us an even better chance to say ‘thanks’ for their service.”

The CCRA also said that tickets for the general public are discounted to \$20 through October 30, after which they’ll go to \$30. Children under 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

“We encourage everyone to come out, honor our troops, and spend a really wonderful day at the races,” Teed added.

In the Midlands of South Carolina alone, the U.S. military has an annual economic impact of \$7.1 billion. When the 3rd Army command structure moves to Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, the transfer will include 1,475 soldiers, 200 civilians, and their families, and result in a yearly economic windfall of \$1.27 billion.

About the Carolina Cup Racing Association

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.

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