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Memorial to partner with Ohio's Military in day of recognition

*Military Appreciation Day to conclude with Jack Nicklaus Clinic featuring
Boo Weekley, Dustin Johnson, and 2008 Memorial Winner Kenny Perry*

Dublin, Ohio - May 20, 2009 – The Memorial Tournament reconfirmed its dedication to Ohio's military members by recognizing Tuesday, June 2nd as Military Appreciation Day. In cooperation with all branches of Ohio's military the Memorial will recognize both active and retired service members through a full day of activities.

Free for all military (including immediate family) with a valid active or retired military ID, Military Appreciation Day will be highlighted by a catered lunch for a very select group of 40 military and their families, including a special appearance by Jack and Barbara Nicklaus. Following the lunch an exclusive golf clinic will be provided for the military at 1:30 PM. Tuesday will also include the Honoree Opening Ceremonies at 3:00PM, where 2009 Memorial Tournament Honorees Jack Burke Jr. and JoAnne Carner will be recognized. Prominently featured in the day will be a military flyover by the Ohio National Guard's CH-47 Chinook helicopters and an appearance by the Ohio National Guard's 122nd Army Band and The Ohio State University Spring Band. Gates open at 7:00 AM for this special day honoring the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

“We are please to be a part of the 2009 Memorial Tournament, Jack Nicklaus and the Memorial continue to show their unwavering support for all of Ohio's military members and their families,” said Maj. Gen. Greg Wayt, Ohio's adjutant general.

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In addition to recognizing of all Ohio's military, the Memorial will focus on providing access to a special group of disabled veterans from the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Hospital in Columbus on Tuesday, June 2nd, as a part of Military Appreciation Day.

“The Memorial is once again proud to provide Tuesday of Tournament week as a day of recognition for our military,” said tournament executive director Dan Sullivan. “We had a tremendous response from all branches of the military during last year’s inaugural dedication day and look forward to building on that success this year. Incorporating military recognition into our traditional Honoree Opening Ceremony is a natural fit. We believe the Tournament is well positioned to provide recognition and support for all branches of Ohio’s military. We know that all who attend will enjoy their day at the course.”

Military Appreciation Day will conclude with the annual Jack Nicklaus Clinic at 4:30 PM on the Main Driving Range. This fan favorite is open to the public and will feature **Boo Weekley**, two- time PGA TOUR winner and one of the emotional leaders of the winning 2008 U.S. Ryder Cup Team; **Dustin Johnson**, second year PGA TOUR player and winner of the 2009 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am; previously released 2008 Memorial Tournament winner **Kenny Perry**; and Founder and host Jack Nicklaus.

All-week Patron Badges to the 2009 Memorial Tournament are available to the general public. The badges, valid June 1-7, cost \$155 and include a complimentary three-day Practice Round ticket at no extra cost. As always, kids 12 and under can attend for free and kids 18 and under are now free on Wednesday for Junior Golf Day. The public may call the Tournament Ticket Office 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. weekdays at 877-MT BADGE or visit www.thememorialtournament.com to purchase badges. Daily tickets for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday practice rounds are also available. The cost is \$30, and they are valid for all three practice-round days.

2009 Memorial Tournament Schedule of Events

Monday, June 1	Practice Rounds	All Day
Tuesday, June 2	Practice Rounds	All Day
	Military Appreciation Day	All Day
	Honoree Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joanne Carner, Jackie Burke, Jr. ▪ Tom Place, David "Dai" Davies - Journalism Honorees 	3:00pm
	Jack Nicklaus Golf Clinic	4:30pm
Wednesday, June 3	Practice Rounds	All Day
	Junior Golf Day	All Day
	Double Skins Game	1:00pm
	Junior Clinic - Safari Golf Club	5:30pm
Thursday - Sunday (June 4 - 7)	Tournament Play - 8:00am start <i>(estimated)</i> <i>Awards Ceremony Following Play of Final Round</i>	

**All times subject to change*

The Memorial Tournament presented by Morgan Stanley is held annually at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. The Tournament, founded and hosted by Jack Nicklaus, is conducted each year with three goals in mind: to honor the memory of individuals living and deceased who have distinguished themselves in the game of golf; to showcase the world's best golfers competing on one of the most challenging venues in the world for the enjoyment of spectators; and to benefit charitable organizations in central Ohio. For more information, call 614-889-6700 or visit www.thememorialtournament.com.