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BIGGEST LITTLE VETERAN'S WEEK MILITARY TOURNAMENT

New annual bowling tournament will celebrate the armed forces

RENO, Nev. (April 21, 2016) – A new bowling tournament is headed to the National Bowling Stadium aimed at honoring active and retired members of the armed forces. In what's shaping up to be an annual event, the Biggest Little Veteran's Week Military Tournament will take place Nov. 7-10 and is hosted by the Eldorado Resort Casino, Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Circus Circus Reno and Reno Tahoe USA.

"It's so important to celebrate those who have served and still serve our country as we live in the best place in the world," Glenn Carano, General Manager of the Eldorado and Silver Legacy said. "It's because of our armed forces that we stand protected and are able to do so."

Reno is home to a one-of-a-kind, 363,000-square-foot, ten-pin bowling stadium which houses national, mainstage bowling tournaments every year. The National Bowling Stadium is located just across the street from the host hotels.

Late last year, Carano visited Washington DC to accept a position as Board Member for Brightening Veterans' Lives (BVL), which calls on the entire bowling industry to help and support Veterans. During his visit, he stopped by Arlington Cemetery to pay his respects to fallen soldiers and was so moved by the experience that he encouraged the Biggest Little City to come up with a way to celebrate those who protect our country.

"My time in DC was incredibly powerful," Carano said. "Our goal is to make this the biggest and best bowling tournament that celebrates our armed forces and allows us to give back to all of the brave men and women who risk their lives for our freedom."

Over \$161,000 total prize money will be awarded with 156 team entries and a \$12,000 first place prize will be awarded in the team event.

Tournament Event Schedule

Monday, Nov. 7 – Team Event

Tuesday, Nov. 8 – Trios Event

Wednesday, Nov. 9 – Doubles Event

Thursday, Nov. 10 – Singles Event

Additional tournament events include a free early bird tournament on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m., open to entries paid by Aug. 31. This will be a two-game format and first place is guaranteed \$500 with the top 45 scores also winning prize money.

There will also be a free Last Chance tournament for bowlers earning less than \$250 in prize money on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 9:30 p.m. The one-game format is guaranteed \$300 for first place and the top 40 scores will win prize money.

Friends and family of registered participants are also encouraged to attend the tournament with three chances to win in separate tournaments held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Uniformed service members including active duty, National Guard and Ready Reserve as well as uniformed service retirees, honorably discharged Veterans and Department of Defense Civilians are eligible to participate. Interested bowlers must produce their Military ID or DOD ID and a USBC sanction card, which can be purchased online or in-person at the tournament.

A package price for the event includes tournament entry and accommodations for five nights at the Eldorado, Silver Legacy or Circus Circus. Packages start at \$277.50 per person. Sweeper entries can be purchased at \$40 per Sweeper per bowler but do not include hotel accommodations.

In its inaugural year, the tournament encourages active and retired military to travel to Reno and play a friendly competition in the one-of-a-kind bowling stadium. Organizers hope the event can grow into a larger celebration that will continue to honor those who do and have served as well as benefit Veteran services across the country.

All skill levels are welcome. Please visit <http://www.visitrenotahoe.com/militarybowling> or call 1-800-304-2695 to register.

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