

<u>National Retired Military Golf Classic Newsletter #1 for 2019 - 36th Anniversary</u> Tournament

Greetings fellow golfers and comrades in arms,

Hope you all had a great summer and get plenty of golf in this fall. Time to get your games ready for next year's 36th Anniversary of the National Retired Military Golf Classic. Once again we ask everyone to recruit all your retired golf buddies for next year's special event, 28 May – 1 June 2019. Go ahead and get your, and your buddies' registrations in early this year. Applications received by 31 Jan 2019 will get the \$25 discount price of \$300 (men) and \$255 (women). Those received after that will require a \$325 check for men and \$280 check for women. Download and print your application right now by clicking below. Additional applications will also be mailed out at the end of November. So be on the lookout and don't procrastinate!

PRINT APPLICATION NOW

Your committee leaders recently met with the Founders Group International (FGI) and Oceans Resorts folks to check out offerings from various golf vendors and discuss this year's 36 th Anniversary tournament. We had a great opportunity to look at some great golf "stuff" for our goodie-bag and prizes. So far we've picked a shirt color and basic design, but you'll have to wait until registration to see it. There are many more decisions to make, but we're sure you'll be pleased.

Of course we're continuing all prime time tee time schedules, morning tee times, and FGI has again agreed that we will be allowed to use 6 to 8 courses with the maximum on each course of about 128... and the **price will remain the same as last year.** We and FGI in coordination with Robin Pringle, Tournament Director with Oceana Resorts will make the determination early in 2019 on how many and which courses we'll play once an estimate of our numbers can be established. The ladies will still play 3 different courses. FGI has assured us that they'll accommodate as many retired military golfers as we can recruit, so if we need more courses we'll get 'em.

Help us advertise our great tournament on our Facebook page... but more than anything we need **your help** to get the word out. By far the most successful recruiting comes from your personal, face-to-face testimonies about this great event. And remember... **there is no waiting list!** All military retirees and their spouses will get in if they apply!

So regardless of the number of players, and hopefully we can bring back a lot of previous players as well as new folks, we will be playing prime courses during prime time without undue delays. All afternoons and evenings will be free for your friends and families to partake in other vacation activities. We know many folks rent homes and condos at the beach which run from Saturday to Saturday and now you and your friends can enjoy those days at a significantly reduced price. Oceana Resorts may also be able to assist in providing economical hotel packages during the week prior to our tournament.

Your Committee, Founders Group International, Oceana Resorts, Alabama Theatre, PGA Tour Superstore and our other supporters are dedicated to making this year's tournament a special memory for each and every player and family member. We'll continue our new member orientation this year, new prizes, coupons for every player to have beer/soft drinks afterwards to socialize with fellow players/comrades, conducting competitions during the waiting times for award ceremonies and most importantly, continue to offer comradery on some of the best golf courses around. As last year, male players over 70 years of age will play from forward tees, and our men and women players over 80 years young will play from the "super senior" tees.

Help us get the word out by passing this newsletter and future newsletters along with your endorsement to all your friends who may be eligible to play, and ask your golf course manager to post our flyer and our newsletters. If you're involved in your Post/Base Retiree council, or know someone who is, ask them to announce our tournament in their publications. Also please recommend fellow golf buddies who are interested to visit www.oceanaresorts.com/nrmgc and our Facebook page for more information concerning our great event. It is your event... let's make it grow!

DON'T FORGET: Tell your golf buddies who are signing up for the first time to place your name on the application as the referral and you'll receive a \$20 gift certificate from PGA Superstore, for each new participant referred. We'll pay the 2020 tournament application fee for our 2019 player with the most referrals!

Okay, enough for now. We'll be providing more information and updates throughout the year leading up to the great event. Remember to register as soon as you can for next year's tournament. We expect to see an increase in players and welcome all new military retirees who are joining us for the first time. The future of the NRMGC is solidly linked to your continued efforts to return each year and bring other military retirees with you to the tournament. Thanks for participating in our tournament and may God continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely the NRMGC Committee: MG(R) Abraham Turner, Chairman COL(R) Al Whatley, Director