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The Villages Host Hope For The Warriors©

Lady Lake, Florida – November 23, 2009 - Thousands of Villagers turned out on November 15th at the Lake Sumter Town Square in Florida to pay tribute to 18 wounded warriors from across the country. The Sunday evening's celebration was part of the Hope For The Warriors Golf Classic© – a two-day event that honored wounded warriors and their service to the nation.

The crowd lined the streets as the warriors arrived to the square in specially decorated golf carts. The Marine Corps League Color Guard and Drill Team along with the Veterans Memorial Park of The Villages Honor Guard paraded the colors. Afterwards, The Village Twirlers & Drum Corp took to the stage with a patriotic tribute. Major General Bob Dickerson, USMC (Ret) addressed the crowd and thanked everyone for their support as did wounded warriors Ed Salau and Chris Hedgorth and Hope For The Warriors™ South East Regional Director, Peggy Rochon.

The evening included special entertainment with performances from Jonathan Cain of Journey, Jason Scheff of Chicago and Rick Seratte from Foreigner.

Prior to the Salute at the Square on Sunday, warriors enjoyed an 18 hole scramble at the Palmer Legends Country Club. Other weekend activities included a Celebrities Pairings Party at the Colony Cottage on Saturday night. The weekend's events will air on the Golf Channel's, "Golf Central" on Thanksgiving Day. Airtimes will be 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm Eastern.

Monies raised by the event will benefit Hope For The Warriors™, a national non-profit organization that assists wounded service members and their families and families of the fallen. They were designated “Best in America” by the Independent Charities of America in 2009. For more information on Hope For The Warriors™, please visit their website at www.hopeforthewarriors.org.

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