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Racquetball  
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## **Maverick Athletic Club to Host Metroplex Racquetball Championships benefiting the Military Racquetball Federation**

Arlington, Texas - The 2012 Metroplex Racquetball Championships, will begin February 3-5 at The Maverick Athletic Club in Arlington, TX. The tournament will feature nearly 250 players competing in over 30 divisions separated by age and skill. This tournament is considered one of racquetball's premier events and will also serve as a fundraiser for the Military Racquetball Federation. The Maverick has been hosting racquetball tournaments since opening in 1980 and is locally owned and operated by Robert Sullins, a military army veteran.

This year's event will benefit the Military Racquetball Federation (MRF) which provides Racquetball Rehabilitation Clinics (RRC) that help wounded soldiers as they return home from the current conflicts. The MRF assists wounded warriors while promoting fitness, enhancing rehabilitation, and building camaraderie for service members and their families.

This program is unique because it is designed to focus on both physical and mental attributes for the soldiers suffering from the affects of combat (PTSD/TBI) including amputees and wheelchair bound patients. Most service members returning from combat have lost limbs (amputees) and are wheelchair bound for life. However, soldiers dealing with amputated limbs are making progress and seeing them learn to walk again is powerful medicine.

"This type of event raises awareness not only for racquetball but most importantly for an organization such as the Military Racquetball Federation and their programs," said Leo R. Vasquez, Event Director. "We will offer special military divisions for men and women of the armed services so they can compete as well. Retired or active duty personnel are invited to play. I am thrilled to be involved and I hope everyone can come see some great racquetball and support a wonderful cause."

The event will also feature a special silent auction throughout the weekend to benefit the Military Racquetball Federation along with a Casino Night Party on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. for participants and guests.

The tournament begins Friday, at the Maverick Athletic Club located at 1919 W. Pioneer Pkwy., Arlington, TX. There is no charge for spectators to view the action. Special events are scheduled throughout the weekend for players and spectators. Updates will also be provided via the Maverick Athletic Club website at **www.themav.com**

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