



MRF Partners with the Capitol Riverfront Neighborhood Supported by The Home Depot Foundation for another Big Event

Washington, DC; (June 8, 2017): Military Racquetball Federation (MRF) is teaming up with the city of Washington, DC and The Home Depot Foundation (THDF) at The Yards in the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood to present another outdoor racquetball rehabilitation demonstration for Disabled Veterans and Wounded Warriors in the heartbeat of DC. This event is taking place July 27th – 30th, 2017 and will be open to the public to also promote the sport of racquetball and handball for new players. The MRF with the help of Home Depot will be building two temporary outdoor racquetball courts in an area at the corner of M Street, SE and New Jersey Avenue, SE across from the Department of Transportation building. One court will be used for wounded warriors, disabled veterans, and the public to experience a different type of therapeutic adaptive racquetball, while the second court will be used for a weekend shootout for racquetball and handball players. This event will be supported by World Outdoor Racquetball (WOR), United States Racquetball Association (USAR), and World Players of Handball (WPH).



These temporary courts are supported through a grant from The Home Depot Foundation and the help of Team Depot, The Home Depot's associate-led volunteer force. There will be a major labor effort supported by "The Mission Continues" a non-profit organization supporting veterans, the U.S. Navy Seabees Battalion, U.S. Coast Guard, and the DC National Guard to bring this event together. This venue promises to be filled with activities, because not only will MRF be hosting a 4-day outdoor racquetball event, but also the Washington Nationals will be hosting the Colorado Rockies the same weekend. It is anticipated that there will be tens of thousands viewers in foot-traffic that weekend with the



racquetball venue down the road from Nationals Park.



If you would like to assist with this major MRF project or would simply like more information, please contact Steven Harper, (LCDR, US Navy - Retired) Executive Director of MRF at steven.c.harper392@gmail.com or (757) 831-8458. Join us to support our heroes for a weekend of racquetball, handball and fun. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please email for details and opportunities.

About the Capitol Riverfront: The Capitol Riverfront is a 500-acre neighborhood situated between I-395 and the Anacostia River smartly designed to give businesses, residents, retail, and guests an exciting environment to explore, connect, and thrive. New restaurants, retail, hotels, residences, and office spaces are opening every month in the Capitol Riverfront, DC's fastest growing neighborhood. There is always something new to discover in DC's largest and most dynamic waterfront neighborhood. Follow the neighborhood at www.capitolriverfront.org and at @capitolriverfront on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

About The Yards: Developed by Forest City, The Yards is a dynamic mixed-use community within walking distance of Capitol Hill and the Washington Nationals ballpark. Located in the rapidly developing Capitol Riverfront district between First St. SE and the Navy Yard, The Yards will feature 3,400 places to live, 400,000 SF of retail, dining & services, 1.8 million SF of office space and an award-winning waterfront park spread across approximately 25 buildings on 48 waterfront acres at full build out. The Yards is already home to more than a dozen restaurants, multiple residential communities, and Yards Park, which provides the green space centerpiece of the neighborhood. Incorporating historic industrial buildings from former Navy Yards complex through adaptive reuse with modern amenities including its landmark pedestrian bridge, The Yards has established itself as the premier neighborhood on the water in the nation's capital to live, work and play. Additional info can be found online at TheYardsDC.com. Follow The Yards on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

About The Home Depot Foundation: The Home Depot Foundation serves as the philanthropic arm of The Home Depot and has invested more than \$380 million in local communities since being established in 2002. The Foundation manages the company's grants initiatives and disaster relief activities as well as Team Depot, our associate-led volunteer force. The mission of The Home Depot Foundation is to ensure every veteran has a safe place to call home. Through partnerships with local nonprofits and the volunteer efforts of Team Depot, we focus on addressing the critical housing needs of US veterans. The Foundation has committed \$80 million over five years to address these needs.

About the Military Racquetball Federation: The Military Racquetball Federation is dedicated to promoting racquetball programs and events for our service members here and abroad including support of events for our troops in warzones. Additionally the MRF is committed to assisting Wounded Warriors with their rehabilitation using MRF's program called Racquetball Rehabilitation Clinics (RRC). This program's focus is the use of racquetball as rehabilitation for both the physical and mental challenges suffered from combat.