



2017 SHOOTOUT FOR SOLDIERS OHIO EVENT MOVES TO FORTRESS OBETZ; EXPECTED TO BREAK FUNDRAISING AND TURNOUT RECORDS

The 24-Hour Lacrosse Event Benefiting American Veterans Will Take Place at the New Ohio Machine Stadium

Columbus (June XX, 2017) – Shootout for Soldiers (SFS) is expected to break previous attendance and fundraising records in its third year in Ohio as it moves to the new stadium for the Ohio Machine, Fortress Obetz, July 15-16, 2017.



The 24-hour charity lacrosse event is comprised of back-to-back one hour lacrosse games with the intent of encouraging interaction between American veterans and civilians while raising proceeds to support our nation's heroes in a light-hearted and casual way.

“The amazing support that SFS Ohio has received from the entire central Ohio community and beyond, is what I find most rewarding,” said **Merry Troper, SFS Ohio Chair**. “Working with the veterans, veterans’ organizations, volunteers, lacrosse players, parents, coaches, the SFS Ohio planning committee, the Ohio Machine and the Village of Obetz to accomplish the SFS mission is what makes this event such a huge success,” Troper said.

Shootout for Soldiers Ohio, in coordination with the Ohio Machine home game vs. Denver the same day, will be a family-friendly event with live music including The Dave Walters Band, Midlife Crisis and Madison Rising, a diverse range of food such as Bob’s Backyard BBQ, The Mess Hall, The Wooden Shoe Coffee and Short North Bagel and Deli along with exciting activities for attendees of all ages. SFS will kick-off with Opening Ceremonies July 15 at noon and concludes with Closing Ceremonies July 16 at 1 p.m.

Sponsors making SFS Ohio possible this July are **OhioHealth, AEP Ohio, G&J Pepsi, The Greater Columbus Sports Commission** and the **Village of Obetz**. With tremendous support from local sponsorships combined with individual team fundraising efforts, SFS Ohio is on pace to break both last year’s attendance and fundraising record. Last year’s Shootout for Soldiers Ohio drew over 1,200 players and raised more than \$56,000.

Those interested in attending or playing in Shootout for Soldiers Ohio can visit www.shootoutforsoldiers.com/ohio

About Shootout for Soldiers

Started by a group of high school students in Maryland, Shootout for Soldiers is a 24-hour lacrosse game benefiting our nation’s heroes. The mission of Shootout for Soldiers is to use the platform of lacrosse to engage communities with their local veterans and support their healthy and successful transition into civilian life. By raising more than \$1.5 million since its inception in 2012, To learn more, please visit www.ShootoutForSoldiers.com or follow @SFSLacrosse on Twitter.

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