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**EAGLE RIDGE HONORS VETERANS,
SERVICE PERSONNEL ON MEMORIAL DAY**

(GALENA, Ill. – May 2, 2007) – The Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa will tip its hat to veterans, service personnel and their families this Memorial Day weekend with a number of commemorative offers, a symbolic tribute and a visit from a recognized veterans’ advocate.

A Remembrance Table will be situated at the front of Woodlands Restaurant & Lounge throughout the weekend. A tradition little known to the general public, the table honors prisoners of war, soldiers missing in action and all other absent men and women of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

Each item adorning the table is symbolic of their sacrifices and our grief: the lone chair signifies the frailty of one prisoner, and the wine glass is inverted because the missing cannot share in a toast. A slice of lemon represents the bitterness of their fate, and the salt sprinkled on top denotes the tears shed by loved ones as they wait. A single red rose reminds us of the blood they have shed and of the families who await their return, and a white tablecloth shows their purity of intention.

The Woodlands, decorated with the five service flags, also will be the venue of a red, white and blue “Veterans’ Breakfast and Brunch” from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 27.

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Eagle Ridge will provide veterans and their families a free shuttle to downtown Galena for a 10:30 a.m. parade and 1 p.m. Veterans' Memorial Day Service to be held in front of the town memorial.

Gerald C. Paulsen, a founding board member of The United States Association of Veterans in Business and a U.S. Army veteran, is lending his expertise during the weekend. In addition to setting the service flags, Paulsen will ensure that the table is set according to tradition. "It is the least that we can do for the service personnel and their families," said Paulsen. "I am proud to assist Eagle Ridge in this tribute."

With golf finally in season, America's veterans and military members can enjoy a special rate of \$60 per round all weekend at Eagle Ridge. All courses are open, and instructors are ready to get golfers tuned-up for the season. The resort's golfers also can enjoy Club Rep Demo Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 26, where participants are encouraged to try out the newest and best golf equipment before deciding what to purchase.

To add some boogie-and-blues to the weekend, Saturday, May 26 marks the start of the "Music on the Green" free music concert series at Eagle Ridge. Veterans will be recognized at the show, featuring B.B. King's "Daughter of the Blues," Shirley King from 6 to 8 p.m. on the resort's Hot Air Balloon Launch field. Admission is free, with food and beverages available for purchase.

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, the Midwest's premiere destination golf resort, offers a great golf experience with 63 holes on four acclaimed courses. Located on 6,800 acres amid the rolling scenery of northwestern Illinois, the full-spectrum resort complex features boating and fishing on the 220-acre Lake Galena, tennis, biking, horseback trails, a state-of-the-art fitness center, and hot air balloon rides, along with three first-class restaurants and a general store. Located near Galena, Illinois, the resort is three hours west of Chicago.

For more information about Eagle Ridge or to make reservations, call 800-892-2269 or visit online at www.eagleridge.com.

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