



## **Memorial Health System to sponsor Military Day at the Lincoln Land Championship PGA Gateway Section to sponsor Clinic and Military Volunteer Initiative in 2019**

**Springfield—May 21, 2019—**The Lincoln Land Championship will pay tribute to active duty military personnel, reservists and veterans with free admission on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> courtesy of sponsor, Memorial Health System. “We are proud to be able to invite the military to the tournament to help us celebrate Flag Day and are grateful to Memorial Health System for making this possible,” said Executive Director, Kate Peters. “We can’t think of a better way to celebrate our military and show our gratitude than providing a fun, free day at Panther Creek.” On Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> the pin at numbers 9 and 18 will be United States Flags and will be tended by military personnel throughout the day.

“We are honored to be part of this event to help recognize our veterans and military personnel for their contributions and sacrifices to serve and protect our country,” said Ed Curtis, president and CEO of Memorial Health System.

As an added incentive for military guests at the tournament, the Gateway PGA Section will offer a free clinic to military guests of the tournament on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. near the Practice Range. “We are proud to partner with The Lincoln Land Championship around Military Day as it connects an initiative of our PGA REACH Foundation that Gateway PGA Professionals are passionate about: serving military veterans through the PGA HOPE program.” said Gateway PGA Section Executive Director, Ali Wells. PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is the flagship military program of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America. PGA HOPE introduces golf to Veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being. The program introduces the game of golf through a developmental 6-8 week curriculum, taught by PGA Professionals trained in adaptive golf and military cultural competency. Springfield is home to a PGA HOPE program that is led by Lance Flury, PGA at Lincoln Greens. To encourage additional military involvement in the tournament, the Gateway Section will cover volunteer fees for NEW military/veteran volunteers. To take advantage of this package, military and veteran volunteers can contact the tournament office at (217)670-2910 or visit [LincolnLandChampionship.com](http://LincolnLandChampionship.com) to register as a volunteer using VETERANS2019 as the registration code.

Active-duty military and veterans must show a military ID to receive free admission on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **About Memorial Health System**

One of the leading healthcare organizations in Illinois, Memorial Health System is a community-based, nonprofit corporation serving the people and communities of central Illinois. The health system is dedicated to patient care, education and research and provides a full range of inpatient, outpatient, home health, home hospice, behavioral health and primary care physician services.

