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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Annual Conrad Skinner Memorial Golf
Tournament: Supporting Local Veterans**

Umatilla, OR—MAY 10, 2024—The City of Umatilla is proud to host the Annual Conrad Skinner Memorial Golf Tournament at the Big River Golf Course, continuing its partnership and commitment to support the Pacific Northwest Veterans' Alliance, which supports local veterans and their families.

PNVA was founded in 2017 by a group of dedicated individuals committed to serving veterans' needs. Since its beginning, PNVA has forged strong community partnerships and established itself as a vital resource for over 7,500 veterans across Morrow, Umatilla, and Union Counties in Eastern Oregon.

Established in 2019, the annual golf tournament is dedicated to Conrad Skinner, a beloved veteran. This tournament serves as a cornerstone fundraising event for PNVA. Proceeds from the tournament support programs and initiatives aimed at assisting veterans and their families facing PTSD-related challenges. Local Veterans joining the tournament play for free.

"Special thanks to the city of Umatilla, our title sponsor for the tournament. Through this support, we have been able to add 30 sponsors. Our gratitude goes out to the 15-20 sports professionals generously donating their time. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the community; without their backing, this

wouldn't have been possible," expressed Ron Hosek, Tournament Director and Board Member of PNVA.

The Par 3 Skins Shootout kicks off on May 17th at 4 PM, followed by the Annual Conrad Skinner Memorial Golf Tournament on May 18th at Big River Golf Course. Registration for the tournament begins at 7:30 AM, with a Shotgun start scheduled for 9:30 AM. It is important to note that the tournament holds a special ceremony each year to honor local veterans residing in our area. This year, six new local Veteran Nominees will be honored on Saturday morning at the tournament. Anyone wanting to attend is welcome to the ceremony, which will start at 8 AM in front of the Club House.

"We always look forward to hosting the Annual Conrad Skinner Memorial Golf Tournament. It is an honor to be a part of this event, raising funds for our local veterans in need. The PNVA is an incredible organization working to give back to all those who courageously and selflessly served our country. We are excited to be a part of this event and looking forward to supporting the event," stated Megan Olsen, Golf Course Administrative Supervisor.

Participants can look forward to mingling and playing alongside celebrities such as Alonzo Mitz, Jim Sandusky, Mkristo Bruce, and many others. Golf enthusiasts and supporters alike are invited to participate in a day of companionship and philanthropy, all while contributing to a meaningful cause.

If you are interested in participating in the Conrad Skinner Memorial Golf Tournament, please get in touch with Megan Olsen.

If you want to know more about how to help support the Pacific Northwest Veterans Alliance, visit www.pnwveteransalliance.org

About Pacific Northwest Veterans' Alliance (PNVA)

The Pacific Northwest Veterans Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to offering opportunities and assistance to Veterans and their families during challenging times. Our mission is to provide hope, healing, and financial support whenever possible for individuals impacted by PTSD and to contribute towards addressing the issue of Veteran suicide.

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