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**MACS Forms Pickleball Partnership with SNPC**

Military Adaptive Court Sports (MACS) is proud to announce a partnership with Southern Nevada Pickleball Club (SNPC) to introduce disabled veterans and service members to pickleball.  This partnership is the first of a nationwide program MACS will rollout throughout 2021.  Earl Stitt, retired U.S. Air Force Reserves Command Pilot, will be the key contact for the Las Vegas program which will include introductory clinics, ongoing play, and community integration for military and their families.

Steven Harper, retired U.S. Navy Lt. Commander and MACS Executive Director is the lead instructor for MACS pickleball programming and said, “the opportunity to partner with SNPC and Earl Stitt to benefit the veterans in that region can be the model for programs across the country”. The President of the SNPC is John Sloan who added, “we are proud of this great new affiliation with MACS and proud to support the programs that MACS offers to the veterans of Southern Nevada”. Earl Stitt welcomes this opportunity to give back to fellow veterans and active-duty military, “pickleball is a great sport that anyone can learn and play lending itself well to disabled veterans who may have limited mobility”.

For MACS, working with our active duty and veteran members is such a rewarding experience, a way to show our respect and pride for their sacrifices and have a great time playing pickleball. Easy to teach, easy to learn and even easier to keep playing, pickleball will help these new players connect with others in their communities.  These future players will delight in the opportunities to get and stay active and clubs like SNPC with folks like Earl serve an important role. Maybe your club will want to partner with MACS to introduce a similar program – we’d love to hear from you!

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**About Military Adaptive Court Sports (MACS)**

Military Adaptive Court Sports (formerly Military Racquetball Federation) is a veteran based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting adaptive Pickleball, Racquetball and Badminton programs for disabled armed service members and veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), amputation, Spinal-Cord Injuries (SCI), and substance/alcohol abuse due to the negative effects of combat. Website: [www.militaryadaptivecourtsports.org](http://www.militaryadaptivecourtsports.org)

**About Southern Nevada Pickleball Club (SNPC)**

The Southern Nevada Pickleball Club will promote the sport of pickleball as a recreational and competitive sport; advance amateur athletics for school age girls and boys of all circumstances through the sport of pickleball; work with veterans in need of rehabilitative services; and, advocate for pickleball players throughout Southern Nevada by working in a collaborative effort with Government Officials, Recreation Departments, and other entities to provide a unified voice in expanding, improving, promoting and organizing Pickleball participation for all. Website: [www.southernnevadapickleballclub.org](http://www.southernnevadapickleballclub.org)