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PRESS ADVISORY

**Wounded Warriors of Iraq and Afghanistan Wars
Receive "Empire" Welcome for NYC Visit**

Legendary Sports Family & Owners of Empire City Casino, NASCAR Driver Kurt Busch &
Armed Forces Foundation President Honor Wounded Military Members

Tuesday, May 7, 2013, New York City – The Rooney Family, owners of one of the most successful casinos and harness racetracks in the nation, **Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway**, will host a group of wounded warriors who have served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, along with family members of the troops, to a lunch at actor Robert De Niro's famed Tribeca Grill. This lunch is the third that the Rooney's and Empire City Casino have hosted for wounded military members in conjunction with a trip that is organized by the Baltimore Police to bring veterans currently residing at Walter Reed Medical Center to New York City for a well-deserved outing.

This year, NASCAR driver Kurt Busch and the Armed Forces Foundation will accompany the troops on the trip from Maryland. The Baltimore Police Department partnered with fellow police departments in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and New York to escort the troops on their trip through the states to New York City. The day will consist of a tour of the 9/11 Memorial, lunch at Tribeca Grill in honor of the troops, after which the service members and their families will head to the Ed Sullivan Theatre for a live taping of The David Letterman Show.

WHO: Wounded War Veterans & their family members
Timothy J. Rooney, Jr., Empire City Casino
Anthony W. Batts, Baltimore Police Commissioner
Kurt Busch, NASCAR driver
Patricia Driscoll, President & Executive Director, Armed Forces Foundation

WHAT: Lunch to honor wounded Afghanistan and Iraq War veterans. The lunch is part of a visit organized by regional police departments for veterans from the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. The trip will also include a visit to the 9/11 Memorial and a live taping of The David Letterman Show.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 1:30 pm

WHERE: Tribeca Grill, 375 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013

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