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Hocking Hills shows appreciation to U.S. military with care packages, discounts, getaways and more

Logan, Ohio – While much of the country was honoring American soldiers and vets on Veterans Day earlier this month, southeast Ohio's spectacular Hocking Hills region honors and welcomes US military service men and women throughout the year with special offers, discounts and washboard care packages sent to troops overseas.

Located in the Hocking Hills and offering tours to visitors, the last remaining factory in America, Columbus Washboard Company sends frequent care packages to US troops stationed in the Middle East where laundry facilities are spotty. The packages include laundry soap and tubs, washboards, letters from home and other goodies. Designed to bring a little bit of home to the troops overseas, money to ship the packages to service men and women is donated by Columbus Washboard Co., churches, service groups and visitors to the Hocking Hills region.

Dozens of businesses throughout the Hocking Hills also offer special discounts to military men and women and their families visiting the region. For example, Blue Valley Massages offers FREE massages to service men and women home from Iraq or Afghanistan. To date, the company has given away more than \$4,000 in free massages as a thank you to those serving our country.

In addition, EarthJoy tree climbing adventure offers \$10 a tour. The Cottage at Scenic Way offers a 15% off discount on a two-night stay and a free night with a three or more night stay. At the Cabins at Hickory Ridge, on top of a 10% military discount, couples receive a complimentary romance gift package, featuring fresh flowers, champagne, chocolates, candles lit around the cabin and music playing as they arrive. Wyandot Woods offers a 12% military discount, while Deer Mountain Retreat offers \$25 off a two-day stay, \$35 off three days and additional discounts for longer stays. Other special offers just for U.S. Military men and women include:

25% off regular Rates: Ashby Cabins; Blue Rose Cabins

20% discount: Koinonia Cabins

10% discount:

- American Heartland Cabins (plus a free photo of your group or family)
- Baymont Inn & Suites
- Bear's Den Cottages
- Big Pine Retreat (also offer guests just back or getting ready one free night with two paid nights)
- Cabins at Hickory Ridge
- Corban Cabin Getaways
- EZ Living Cabins
- Glenlaurel Inn
- Hocking Hills Cabins (plus a complimentary "thank you" gift basket)

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- Hocking Hills Country Vista Cabins
- Hocking Hills KOA (only open from April 1-Nov. 1)
- Honeybee Cabins
- Lily of the Valley Cabins
- Little Cola Cabins
- Red Wolf Falls Log Cabin
- Spinning Turtle Yarns & Gifts (on non-sale merchandise)
- Springwood Cabins
- Sunrise Log Cabins
- Timber Creek Lodge

Additional discounts are offered by:

- Crockett's Run
- Happy Trails Horseback Rides
- Hocking Hills Resort
- Hocking Valley Scenic Railway
- The Merlot

Most offers are available to military families, veterans and retired military. Discounts, packages and special rates may be subject to conditions or blackout dates. Complete details available from each provider. Reservation and contact information can be found at www.1800hocking.com or by calling toll free, 1-800-HOCKING.

A wide variety of accommodations, from camping and cabins to hotels and country inns, give Hocking County visitors plenty of truly affordable lodging options during these festivals -- or any time of year. In addition to the Washboard Music Festival and Lilyfest, the Hocking Hills area offers numerous hiking trails, parks and forests, unique gift and antique shops, canoeing, horseback riding, golf and more. Complete information on accommodations and the many sites in Hocking County is available at www.1800HOCKING.com.

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