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International Para-Chair Athlete Alex “The Tank” Armor at the 2019 Loch Norman Highland Games

Huntersville, NC: Alex "The Tank" Armor will be on the field at the 26th annual Loch Norman Highland Games to be held April 13-14 at Historic Rural Hill. A member of Uncle Sam’s Highlanders, Armor (photo, center) is a para-chair athlete who thoroughly enjoys the competition and camaraderie of the highland games and Scottish heavy athletics.

Uncle Sam’s Highlanders believe that you alone define your ability and through motivation, dedication, and persistence you can achieve your goals regardless of ability or disability. They strive to show the ABILITY in disABILITY as a team of athletes both able and adaptive.



An advocate to adaptive sports and adaptive athletes Armor says, “I would love to get to a point where every games in the country has an adaptive division because you can do what you want; you just have to do it differently. You are not confined to a chair, and you are only as disabled as you let yourself be.”

In 2018 Armor and the Uncle Sam’s Highlanders competed at the Mey Highland Adaptive Games, Scotland’s first gender and ability inclusive Highland Games. His Royal Highness, The Prince Charles Duke of Rothesay, attends the Games every year. Prince Harry, The Duke of Cambridge, has indicated that he, too, will participate at the Mey Games purely due to the adaptive Highland Sports spearheaded by Uncle Sam’s Highlanders in 2018. Uncle Sam’s Highlanders have been invited to the 2019 Mey Games in August as the Chieftains honored guests.

Historic Rural Hill Executive Director Jeff Fissel notes, “We are honored to welcome “The Tank” to the Loch Norman Games. He and all of Uncle Sam’s Highlanders are known for their skill, strength, and sportsmanship on and off the field.”

Don’t miss Alex “The Tank” Armor and the other amazing athletes of the Loch Norman Highland Games! There are seven traditional Scottish heavy events: The Clachneart (stone of strength), Hammer Throw, Sheaf Toss, Weight Throw for Distance, Weight Throw for Height, and Turning the Caber.

April 13 & 14, 2019 the Loch Norman Highland Games at Rural Hill is a family friendly event. Come and experience all the fun with Highland Dancing, Bagpipe Bands, Highland Athletics, a Giant Kid's Zone, Scottish Merchants, Haggis, Celtic Rock and Traditional Performers, Historic Reenactments, Scottish Country Dancing, Sunday Church Service, Hearth Cooking, NC Beer and Wine, Whiskey Tastings, Kilted Running Events, Scottish Clan Societies, Shoot Long Bows and Blowguns, Throw a Battle Axe and so much more!

Visit www.ruralhill.com full event details.



Celebrating more than 250 years in history...Rural Hill is located at 4431 Neck Road (off Beatties Ford Road) in Huntersville, 28078. The former homestead of Major John and Violet Davidson, the 265 acre site is maintained and promoted by Rural Hill and features annual events such as the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, the Rural Hill Amazing Maize Maze and the Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials. Rural Hill Inc. is a non-profit organization supported through membership and donations, and with proceeds from its events utilized for the preservation of historic Rural Hill and its education efforts. For more information on events or for financial support accepted securely online, please visit www.ruralhill.net.

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