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Inn at Pocono Manor Welcomes Major Mark Thompson and His Wife Clarissa Prior to 3rd Tour in Afghanistan

Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania, July 2011 ... Major Mark Thompson & his wife, Clarissa, from Ft. Snelling Minnesota, visited The Inn at Pocono Manor recently for some rest & relaxation together prior to his third tour in Afghanistan. Major Thompson is Chaplain in the US Army Reserve, 644th RSG. They are proud parents of 9 children and 2 grandchildren.

During their visit to the historic Inn and while relaxing in the resort's Lamplighter Lounge, fellow guests at the Inn grew particularly fond of the couple. To express appreciation for their service to the country, a song was dedicated to them and they were presented with a gift certificate for a complimentary 3-night stay with breakfast & dinner when Major Thompson returns from Afghanistan.

Major Thompson said, "I invested four of my last ten days in the USA with the Inn at Pocono Manor prior to my deployment to Afghanistan. Those were the last four days I would be with my wife for the next year." Major Thompson continued with, "For us the Inn's 3000+ acres were our favorite attraction, as well as 36 holes of golf, horse stables, the Carriage House, the landscape, creeks, and the wooded areas ... perfection!"

Attached Photo: Major Mark Thompson and his wife Clarissa in the Lamplighter Lounge at The Inn at Pocono Manor.

The Inn at Pocono Manor Media Center: <http://www.poconomanor.com/pages/pressroom.htm>

About The Inn at Pocono Manor

The Inn at Pocono Manor resort www.poconomanor.com blends a century of hospitality with the demands of 21st Century travelers. Lovingly referred to as the "The Grand Lady of the Mountains" and a National Registry of Historic Places property, The Inn at Pocono Manor opened in 1902 as a country retreat for Philadelphia Quakers. Today it is the longest continuously operating Resort in the Poconos and one of the oldest in North America. The all-season Resort boasts 237 guestrooms, and 25,000 square feet of flexible meeting and event space that can accommodate up to 500 guests. The Exchange at Pocono Manor

restaurant features superb dining with an eclectic flair. The Old Lamplighter Lounge serves specialty beverages and pub fare throughout the day.

Complete recreational amenities are available at The Inn at Pocono Manor, including signature golf, horseback riding, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, the luxurious Laurel Spa, fishing, clay shooting, cross country skiing, and more. Striking views of the Pocono Mountains are visible from all sides of the resort's main building. Complimentary wireless Internet is available throughout. The Inn at Pocono Manor features two 18-hole signature golf courses, including the East Course dating to 1912, which was redesigned by Donald Ross in 1927 and has been host to golf legends like Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer and Jerry Barber. In 1959, the West Course opened and is a favorite with long ball hitters.

A destination within the Poconos for over a century, the 3000-acre Inn at Pocono Manor is minutes away from Crossings Premium Outlets, Camelbeach Water Park, Camelback Ski Mountain, and the Mt. Airy Casino. The Resort is within two hours of New York City, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

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