

Press Release

"Barack & Tiger Dedicate Weekends To Military Families"

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Riviera Beach, FL (USA), July 6, 2009: While the past weekend was filled with barbecue, fantastic sports events (Serena Williams and Roger Federer winning their respective singles Wimbledon Championships and the Williams sisters winning their doubles championship), Tiger Woods was busy winning his own tournament and a first prize check of \$1,080.000.00. With the win, he erased all doubt as to whether he is back, fit and should be named the "Player of the Year."



Equally as important, he and President Barack Obama hosted military families separately from South Florida, the Greater Washington, DC/Baltimore Metropolitan area as well as the entire country. Eldrick "Tiger" Woods hosted military families to his golf tournament – AT&T National Tournament - all of last week at the "very private and exclusive" Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, Maryland.

Tiger Woods made it very clear this past 4th of July weekend's tournament would "pay tribute" to the brave men and women who serve our country in the U.S. Military. This year, the tournament, provided military personnel and their families a unique golf experience as well as allow fans to personally support the troops by sending care packages to bases overseas. I am certain that Tiger had his father – Earl Woods – in mind.

President Obama and first lady Michelle celebrated two birthdays this weekend: the 11th of their daughter Malia Obama at the presidential retreat – Camp David and the 233rd of the United States by hosting approximately 1,200 families for 4th of July festivities (barbeque, fireworks show and a performance by the Foo Fighters) in the evening.

So far, Woods has played in nine events this year and earned approximately \$4,560.163 in official earnings. He has finished nine times in the top twenty five. His best finishes are notably U.S. Open Championship (T-6), Masters Tournament (T-6), Quail Hollow Championship (4th), the Memorial Tournament (W) and the Arnold Palmer Invitational (W). With the AT&T National, Woods took over the No. 1 spot in the FedExCup race, 500 points there, 68th career win, just five away from Jack Nicklaus.

Woods was asked in his final interview on Sunday, "You mentioned things you have and haven't done in the D.C. area. I think one thing you haven't done is play golf with our new president, and he's been hitting the links pretty regularly lately. Is that on the books or on the itinerary any time soon?" Tiger responded, "Well, his schedule and my schedule are a little bit busy. His is really busy. He's got a lot on his plate. We'll get it done sometime down the road. I don't know when, but we will definitely do it."

The <u>Westside Gazette</u> family cast one unanimous vote for Eldrick "Tiger" Woods as the "2009 Player of the Year."