



Musket Ridge and Catoctin Hall announce “Love and Liberty” wedding winners.

Navy Lieutenant Elizabeth Richards and Marine Captain Timothy Colin Jones to wed

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MYERSVILLE, MD - July 20, 2015 - Musket Ridge Golf Club, home of Catoctin Hall - Western Maryland's most-awarded wedding venue - proudly announces the winners of its “Love and Liberty” wedding giveaway. We congratulate bride-to-be U.S. Navy Lieutenant Elizabeth Richards; and her fiancé, U.S. Marine Captain Timothy Colin Jones.

Elizabeth met Timothy while caring for his father at George Washington University Hospital. Shortly after Timothy deployed to Libya, his father passed away. Elizabeth became the point of contact with Timothy, forwarding her condolences along with notes and memories of Timothy's dad's last days via Facebook. A long distance love was blossoming, and bloomed upon Timothy's return home.

“Colin and I are so excited and couldn't be happier to represent two branches of the service,” Elizabeth told us. “We feel really blessed to be given this opportunity to have a wedding at Musket Ridge. When I told Colin's mom said life comes full circle. Colin's Dad used to play golf at Musket Ridge.”

Elizabeth is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, serving as an ER/Trauma nurse in the Nurse Corps. She is on active duty with a clinical role, and also is responsible for the medical training of about 150 reserve corpsmen.

Timothy is a captain in the U.S. Marines. He serves as an intelligence officer, aiding in the training of enlisted Marine snipers, as well as other intelligence officers. He has served in Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Libya, and will deploy to the Republic of Georgia in August, rather than October as previously ordered.

The sudden change in orders means Elizabeth and Colin will not wed on 9/11, as was planned. Rather, Musket Ridge is accommodating a date next spring when Colin returns from duty.

“We were sad when his orders changed,” Elizabeth continued. “Being in the service and both of us just finishing graduate school with our Masters degrees at George Washington University, and Georgetown, we were sad our summer was cut short. Life in the service is not 100% your own though - it is about sacrifice for you, your family and our country. We're so pleased Musket Ridge and Affinity Management understands this and is being flexible in scheduling our special day.”

“Love & Liberty is our way of showing of appreciation to the men and women who risk their lives on the front lines at home and abroad,” says Damon Devito, managing director of Affinity Management, which manages Musket Ridge and Catoctin Hall. “Elizabeth and Timothy's story touched our hearts. They are most worthy of this gift.”

Musket Ridge will donate a wedding ceremony at Catoctin Hall, WeddingWire Couples' Choice Awards 2015 winner. The gorgeous venue includes sweeping mountain vistas across one of Maryland's most beautiful and highly rated golf courses. The chosen couple will enjoy a dinner reception for up to 150 guests in Catoctin Hall, one of the most highly rated wedding venues in

the DC Metro area. Musket Ridge will waive the room fee and donate all food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Previous winner Jacqueline Boone observed about her wedding experience, “We would never have been able to have such a beautiful day to celebrate with our family and friends without the folks at Affinity Management, Musket Ridge, and all the vendors who donated their services. Our wedding day was flawless; the venue is just breathtaking, and we were truly blessed to have had this opportunity and will be forever grateful.”

Catoctin Hall at Musket Ridge has been called “Maryland’s Best New Event Venue” and is the first zero food waste facility in the United States. Musket Ridge has been one of Golfweek’s top ten golf courses in Maryland for the past seven years and was recently named the #2 Public Course Within an Hour of Congressional CC by Golf Digest. For more information about Musket Ridge Golf Club, please visit www.musketridge.com/weddings or contact Bonnie Swanson at weddings@musketridge.com or 301-293-9930 x116.

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