The Ocean Ridge Veteran’s Association (ORVA) teed off on August 24 against the Rivers Edge Veteran’s Association (REVA) in the inaugural ‘ORVA-REVA Challenge’ consisting of an eight-against-eight Two-Player Scramble at Rivers Edge Golf Club.

The highly competitive challenge was not just to earn bragging rights, but also to win a highly coveted 18-inch “traveling” trophy adorned in red and white stripes with blue stars at the base topped with a gold golf ball sitting on a tee.

While ORVA gave everything in their power to bring home the hardware, REVA’s home field advantage proved too much to overcome. ORVA fought hard throughout the 18-hole competition, seeking every psychological advantage possible, to include wearing their newly acquired dark blue golf shirts with embroidered American flag, branch of military service and first name. Sadly, ORVAs grit, resourcefulness and determination were all for naught, as REVA’s skillful play proved too much overcome. Truth be told…REVA completely owned the day and put a whomping on ORVA by a margin of 41 strokes – REVA 290, ORVA 331.

The ORVA team consisted of Kevin Jefferson, Mike Wessels, David Ozvat, Jim Faulkner, John Santini, David Marino, Herb Kahler and Larry May. The REVA team consisted of Nick Micale, John O’Donnell, Jerry Arnold, Kurt Reynolds, Ron Johnson, Larry Shapiro, John Duncan and Larry Dempsey.

Following the 18 holes, REVA hosted ORVA in their clubhouse to a delicious taco buffet and ice-cold pitchers of thirst-quenching beer that helped beat the heat of the day and made ORVA’s loss a little easier to accept. During the lunch the two teams exchanged ideas on how to boost membership within their respective organizations, traded war stories from both the battlefield and the golf course, and traded examples of successful initiatives that each organization has conducted, such as providing support to the Veterans Welcome Home & Resource Center in Little River, SC.

After the lunch and tallying of scorecards, ORVA President, Kevin Jefferson, graciously accepted the defeat, praised REVA for their outstanding play and hospitality, and presented the highly coveted trophy to REVA…until next year.

Both organizations agreed that the outing was a great success. ORVA agreed to host REVA in 2023 on one of Ocean Ridge Plantation’s golf courses with the expectation of winning the highly coveted trophy and earning bragging rights for a year.

ORVA is looking to increase the number of active members in its organization to allow next year’s field of players to expand to at least a 16-against-16 Two-Player Scramble.

ORVA is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization established by military veterans who are, or have been, residents or property owners of the Ocean Ridge Plantation community. The association is open to all such Veterans who, regardless of length of service, have been honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Guard or Reserve as well as active-duty residents or property owners.

The mission of the association is to foster camaraderie among Ocean Ridge veterans and

to give assistance to Veterans in need via local Veteran support organizations primarily in

Brunswick County North Carolina.

ORVA meets on the second Monday of each month at the Plantation Club. If you are interested in joining ORVA, please contact Kevin Jefferson at kjjpmj3@gmail.com.