Be Part of the SMGA

The SMGA partners with individuals, corporations, and golf communities. You can positively impact the life of a post-9/11 veteran by:

- Making a direct financial contribution to the SMGA;
- Donating playing spots in local golf tournaments to SMGA veteran golfers;
- Hosting a charity golf tournament or event to benefit the SMGA; or
- Adding your club to the growing list of SMGA golf course partners.

SMGA Chapters/Affiliates/Partners

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- Olney, MD: (301) 525.1639
- Boston, MA: (978) 758.0011
- Camp Lejeune & Fort Bragg, NC: (301) 525.1639
- Fort Drum, NY: (315) 244.2848
- North Texas Wounded Warrior Golf Association:
  (817) 680.9352
- Fort Eustis, VA: (757) 878.2252

Contributions can be made payable to SMGA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation; or online at: www.smga.org/contribute.html

More of the SMGA story may be found at: www.smga.org
A Game with the Power to Heal Wounded Veterans...

The Salute Military Golf Association (SMGA) was founded in 2007 by childhood friends Jim Estes and Jamie Winslow. SMGA clinics, tournaments, and golf experiences are provided free of charge to post-9/11 wounded veterans and their families. To date, the SMGA has offered at least one golf lesson to more than 2,500 post-9/11 veterans, equipped more than 1000 warriors with properly-fitted golf clubs, and extended its clinic series to more than eight chapter and affiliate locations across the U.S.

Our Mission

The SMGA’s mission is to provide rehabilitative golf experiences and family-inclusive golf opportunities for post-9/11 wounded war veterans in an effort to improve the quality of life for these American heroes. Eligible veterans include those wounded or injured in post-9/11 military operations, including those with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

SMGA Programs

• SMGA Clinic Series
An adaptive golf curriculum stands at the core of the SMGA clinic series. Hundreds of wounded veterans from all parts of the country have used the clinic series in support of their rehabilitation, whether as the focus of their recovery or in support of a wider program. Each of our locations tailors the core SMGA clinic series to meet the unique needs of warriors in its chapter. Eligible veterans who demonstrate a commitment to golf as a form of therapy are eligible for a custom-fitted set of golf clubs to aid their recovery.

• American Golfer Program
In 2013, the SMGA introduced its American Golfer Program. The program affords participation in the SMGA to wounded veterans who do not reside near one of our many clinic locations. This program matches post-9/11 wounded veterans with individual PGA of America golf professionals familiar with teaching adaptive golf. Warriors who complete the American Golfer Program are eligible for custom-fitted clubs and participation in SMGA golf experiences.

A Plan for Success

The SMGA program is unique in that it actively incorporates the game of golf directly into the mental and physical rehabilitation programs of post-9/11 wounded veterans. Unlike any other sport, golf provides the setting for players of varying skill levels to network and interact socially. The SMGA’s network of chapters and affiliates has seen first-hand how the SMGA clinic series and American Golfer Program has not only boosted morale but supported the return to active duty or reintegration into civilian life for hundreds of post-9/11 wounded veterans.

"Thank you to everyone who supports the SMGA golf clinics. This amazing program has exceeded my expectations. The SMGA has helped combat and injured veterans heal and get their lives back. The dynamic programs of SMGA are making a difference for American heroes!"

-Major Michael J. Habba, USMC (Ret.)

In 2015, the SMGA:
• Equipped 227 wounded veterans with custom-fitted golf clubs;
• Provided more than 1000 individual playing opportunities at local courses and golf events;
• Conducted nearly 100 golf clinics for post-9/11 wounded and injured veterans; and
• Enrolled 60 wounded veterans in the American Golfer Program.

For more information please contact:
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"Thank you, SMGA. Golf is my outlet...it is more effective for my recovery than any medication."

-Staff Sergeant Chris McCoy, U.S. Army (Ret.)

Empowering Wounded Veterans One Fairway at a Time