







Our Mission: The SMGA provides rehabilitative golf experiences and benefits for wounded war veterans. Eligible veterans including those wounded, injured, or suffering illness (including PTSD and TBI) as a result of participation in Post-911 military operations. Additionally, the SMGA promotes a family-inclusive golf instruction environment and encourages clinic participation from our veteran's families.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It is my distinct privilege to work with other SMGA volunteers and staff supporting our wounded warriors in their recovery – one fairway at a time.

I want to take a moment and thank all of you who joined me this year in this great cause. I also want to bring you up to speed on SMGA, our 2012 successes and our exciting plans for 2013.

2012 was a year of resounding success. Bittersweet in that we saw our warrior friends depart for their home stations after attending our program activities in Maryland, New York, Virginia, Massachusetts and Texas. Yet also rewarding in knowing we've created "golfers for life" as we strive to support these American heroes as they return home after treatment at military hospitals.

In 2012 we increased our program activities by holding dozens of instructional golf clinics and arranging for over 100 golfing opportunities for our SMGA members. This was made possible by generous donations by our SMGA patrons who provided us nearly half a million dollars in funding. This influx of funds allowed us to distribute over 150 sets of brand new TaylorMade golf clubs, the purchase of specialized electric golf carts and associated trailers to haul them to area golf events. Teaming with Disabled Sports USA/Warfighter Sports also allowed us to extend our support to our warrior golfers.

Just a few golf trip highlights for warriors included the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Georgia; Hootie & the Blowfish/Darius Rucker's Monday After The Masters in Myrtle Beach; as well as the Bush Foundation's 2nd Annual US Wounded Warrior Open in Dallas. Booz Allen Hamilton, a large federal systems integrator corporation, also arranged for series of golf outings to benefit SMGA with simultaneous golf tournaments held around the country in August 2012.

Another wonderful program we support is the Golf Channel Amateur Tour where SMGA funds warriors from around the country to play in local events to win prizes and more importantly use the healing benefits of golf as part of their continuing recovery.

In mid 2012 we welcomed our first full time SMGA staff member with the hiring of Ms. Gretchen Hamm as our Executive Director. In January 2013 we welcomed our second fulltime employee, Ms. Stephanie Lundy supporting operations and communications.

2013 started off with a bang as the PGA Tour's Web.Com Program selected SMGA as the chief beneficiary of the proceeds from the Mid Atlantic Championship being held at TPC Potomac, Potomac, Maryland over the 2013 Memorial Day Weekend.

Please visit us at www.smga.org to see the full range of activities planned for 2013 and how you can help us assist our American heroes recover from service connected injuries, both visible and invisible. Donations to our web site are warmly welcomed and recognized.

Yours In Service,

Brian J. Finan, (US Army, retired-DAV) President, Salute Military Golf Association



OUR PROGRAMS

Learning and playing the game of golf alongside their brothers and sisters in arms, helps to facilitate the healing process as well as build relationships that continue beyond the hospital, past the golf course and throughout their lives. Our programs strive to be a powerful reminder of the many possibilities and opportunities that will continue to lie ahead for wounded warriors.

Golf for Life Clinics are designed for wounded warriors who are in the midst of their transition time from the hospital to home-life. Our clinics are embodied with dignity, respect and empowerment. Clinics consist of eight weeks of two hour golf instruction followed by lunch, they generally take place in the spring and fall. Our clinics are family inclusive and include childcare. Each golfer receives an SMGA logo golf shirt, hat and glove. Warrior golfers who are eligible and qualify by attending six of the eight weeks are equipped with custom fitted golf clubs to help them in furthering their golf game.

An American Golfer Program has filled the need for our wounded warriors who are not close to a wounded warrior population, but are still turning to the game of golf to enhance their life and continue in their recovery process. SMGA will work with the wounded warrior and their family to help locate a golf course and a golf pro that will host them. *An American Golfer Program* provides golf clubs, course access and five private lessons from a golf pro for the wounded warrior.









SMGA NEW YORK

Working with St. Lawrence University to set up an SMGA-NY Wounded Warrior Golf Training Center that will allow soldiers from Fort Drum to continue honing their skills throughout the winter.

Summer 2012 held four fundraising tournaments: Highland Greens, Brookhaven, Highland Meadows & Malone.

Sent a total of 48 wounded warriors to seven different golf tournaments: Brookhaven in Saratoga Springs; Rosyln Harbor in Long Island; MEDDEC in Fort Drum; Adopt a Warrior in Canton; NYC Championship in Malone; Malone Tournament in Malone; Dallas Open in Texas.

Highland Meadows Golf Course, Watertown, N.Y.

A new golf course and tournament location, located outside the North gate of Fort Drum! Net Profit 2012 - \$1,080.70

Malone Golf Course, Malone, N.Y.

This was our most outstanding tournament of the summer. Major Ed Pulido gave an energetic and uplifting message during our opening ceremonies! Net Profit 2012 - \$4,723.00

Highland Greens Golf Course, Dickinson, N.Y.

Was full of enthusiasm this year! Net Profit 2012: \$2,242.88

Brookhaven Golf Course, Porter's Corners, N.Y.

Was a new tournament this season, located in the Saratoga Springs/Albany area. Albany is home to a Veterans' Hospital and a U.S. Naval Nuclear Training Facility both of which helped spark excellent considerable interest for the 2013 golfing season! Net Profit 2012 - \$2,357.43



Golf Clinic Graduates at Championship playoff, Malone Golf Club, New York. Frank Dorchak, NY Coordinater (Second Row, seated 4th from the left), Gretchen Hamm, Executive Director (First Row, second from the left).

SMGA MARYLAND

SMGA Golfers Meet & Play with Cal Ripken, Jr. on June 25th at Creighton Farms.

DeWitt Osborne featured in Golf Digest, May 2012 featured article, "How Golf Saved My Life".

Bill Hurley PGA Tour Rookie, PGA Pro and Naval Academy Graduate hosted a golf clinic for SMGA wounded warrior golfers at TPC Potomac.

Northrop Grumman/SMGA Charity Tournament

6th Annual SMGA Charity Tournament, held June11 at Manor Country Club in Rockville, MD. For the 6th consecutive year the tournament was a sell out and reached an all time high in terms of revenues raised ... \$100,000

AT&T National Pro-Am

Three wounded warrior golfers competed in the National Pro-Am (held at Congressional Country Club) with PGA Tour Pro, Ryan Palmer. The SMGA members' team managed a respectable score of -7.

Simpson Cup Participation

Inaugural Simpson Cup was held on December 4th and 5th at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. It is a traditional Ryder style tournament, with UK Wounded Service Members vs. US Wounded Service Members.

Special Care Invitational

The 18th Annual Special Care Invitational was held in Ocean City, MD where four of our SMGA wounded warriors participated.

Olney Golf Clinics

The 2012 Spring Clinics teed off on Saturday April 16th with more than 60 wounded warriors and family member participants. The final clinic session was a playing session at Manor Country Club where the soldiers played 9 holes. Fall clinics teed off on August 18th with record attendance!

The SMGA NOVA Golf League

Is in its inaugural season and is being held at Old Hickory Golf Club in Woodbridge, VA. 16 of our wounded warrior golfers and their families from the Olney and Fort Belvoir programs have been battling it out each week in a variety of team combinations and formats, from scramble, to shamble to better-ball.

Warrior Open Participation

The 2nd Annual Warrior Open was hosted by President Bush in support of our nations wounded warriors. Held in Dallas, TX, September 24th and 25th, for a 36 hole competition. 11 of the 22 veterans were representatives of SMGA.

Web.Com/PGA Tour Pros Visit Walter Reed

Jason Gore, Darren Stiles, Jim Renner, Tag Ridings and DJ Brigman, Web.Com Tour Professionals, went to Walter Reed Hospital to visit the wounded warriors and pay their respects during the web.com tournament that was held at TPC Potomac, October 1 - 7, 2012.

Booz Allen Hamilton Wounded Warrior Golf Clinics

For the past two years, Booz Allen Hamilton has hosted golf tournaments to benefit SMGA. This year the effort went national with six additional tournaments which took place in August (San Diego, Dayton, Charleston, Bethesda, Norfolk, Honolulu).







(Left) Dave Barton, PGA instructor, working with Mason Stiles; (Top) Monte Bernardo and his girlfriend Amanda; (Bottom) Wounded Warriors working hard at accomplishing their golf swings.

NORTH TEXAS WOUNDED WARRIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION

Transitioned from a fundraising organization to a SMGA full-service affiliate.

Established partnership with Timarron Country Club (ClubCorp facility) to host North Texas Warrior Golf Clinic in Spring 2013. They will provide golf equipment and an eight-week clinic to 12 wounded warriors.

American Airlines North Texas Wounded Warrior Charity Golf Tournament

- Raised over \$14,000
- Additionally, hosted 12 wounded warriors for a weekend of rehabilitative activities that included a practice round, Olive Garden banquet, country western concert, charity golf tournament, and kayak fishing outing (partnered with Heroes On the Water, a wounded warrior charity based in North Texas).
- Partnered with American Airlines and Air Compassion for Veterans to fly-in 4 (of the 12) wounded warriors to participate in event.
- Special Guest at tournament: Mr. Ray McNeil, 90-yearold WWII bomber pilot and flight engineer. Ray survived 65 bombing missions while serving in the 449th Bomb Group of the 15th Air Force. During his tour, He received two Distinguished Flying Crosses and 13 Air Medals. Ray was a perfect special guest for our tournament - many of our golfers were military aviation veterans sponsored by the Allied Pilots Association (the union that represents American Airlines' Pilots)
- Practice round with the Birdville High School Golf teams, NTWWGA's co-founder Matt Rosenberger's high school team.

(Top) Special Guest Ray McNeil and SMGA Ambassador Brian Bradley; (Middle) Flagpole Ceremony; (Bottom) Matt and Glenn Rosenberger, Cofounders of NTWWGA







FORT BELVOIR WOUNDED WARRIOR GOLF PROGRAM

Conducted two eight week sessions in the spring and fall of 2012 for wounded warriors, spouses, children and Warrior Transition Battalion Cadre that included a total of 95 people (of whom approximately 80% did not play golf previously) averaging 28 participants, 7 PGA/LPGA Teachers, and 6 Volunteers per week.

- 21 wounded warriors qualified for the PING golf club program.
- 51 wounded warriors participated in Special Golf events at Fort Belvoir Golf Club.
- 112 wounded warriors participated in Special Golf events throughout the Region, orchestrated through the Warrior Transition Battalion.
- 96 wounded warriors participated in Special Golf events throughout the Region, through the Fort Belvoir Outside Events Office.



(Above) Instructor goes over swing dynamics during a clinic; (Right/Top) New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, FBI Director Robert Mueller and Sec. of Defense Leon Panetta; Mayor Bloomberg with Wounded Warriors





FINANCE NOTES

SMGA continues to enjoy strong financial support for our golf related rehabilitative program activities. An audit of our 2011 financials showed a very low overhead rate of 7% and nearly a 93% program contribution rate - a terrific level that sets us up for our application to the Combined Federal Campaign. We intend to continue to spend your contributions in a judicious fashion for the maximum benefit of our wounded warrior golfers.



We received over \$500,000 in revenue from a variety of sources. Our largest income source again this year was from our own SMGA 6th Annual Golf Tournament that raised nearly \$100,000 while other tournaments from partners yielded \$107,000. Corporate donations including TaylorMade of \$70,000, Kearney Associates for \$30,000 and the Rosner Automotive Group for \$25,000 were typical proponents investing in our mission and vision. The US Senior PGA Association also provided us a grant to help us purchase a new ParaGolfer cart.

We have invested in full time staff to help better organize our program offerings and to develop other revenue sources from grants and funding request applications. Additional expenses included \$100,000 for golf clubs and golf related opportunities for our wounded warrior golfers. \$78,000 was devoted to nationwide golf instruction for both clinic and private purposes. The SMGA spent \$48,000 on golf apparel including shirts, hats, gloves, and shoes (warrior golfers need to look good!).

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DONORS!

With our sincere gratitude we would like to especially thank:

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Your donation makes an impact. Join us in making a difference in a wounded warriors recovery, and their life.

\$55 pays for one wounded warrior to attend a clinic

\$80 provides a wounded warrior with a private lesson

\$200 pays for a wounded warrior to play in the final outing

\$800 provides a wounded warrior with a brand new set of custom fitted golf clubs

\$1,000 pays for a wounded warrior to participate in the Golf Channel Amateur Tour

\$5,000 allows SMGA to purchase a computer analysis system

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