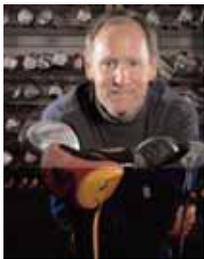




## Inspiration



Jim Estes, PGA, a former PGA Tour Player, and Co-founder of the SMGA, has seen first-hand the positive force the game of golf has played in the recovery of our nation's wounded veterans. SMGA began with the purpose of creating a therapeutic outlet for wounded warriors undergoing prolonged medical treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital. Jim's and SMGA's efforts have been recognized by numerous media outlets. Jim was awarded the prestigious (2010) PGA Patriot Award for his contributions to the recovery of wounded warriors.

### Your Role with the SMGA

There are many ways you can support post-9/11 wounded veterans through SMGA—club and equipment donations, volunteer and outreach efforts, and playing in or sponsoring one of our many charity golf tournaments hosted around the country. SMGA reaches out to a wide range of stakeholders: the multi-national corporation, the local business professional, the community leader, the scratch golfer, or the weekend duffer – who wants to serve as a positive, supporting force in the life of a veteran.

Contributions, can be made payable to SMGA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation; or online at:

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## A Game with the Power to Heal Wounded Warriors...

More than 2.5 million Americans have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2003; of these, countless numbers have returned home with some form of injury. The Salute Military Golf Association (SMGA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, was formed in early 2007 in an effort to bring the game of golf to our nation's post-9/11 wounded warriors as a form of mental and physical rehabilitation. Golf has proven to be a forceful tool in the recovery process.



### 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).

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## SMGA Programs

The game of golf embodies strength, flexibility, endurance, balance, and mental discipline. SMGA programs are designed to leverage these attributes to facilitate the healing process. Our programs, clinics, and golf experiences build lasting friendships that extend beyond the hospital and past the golf course. By addressing the unique needs of wounded warriors returning home from service, we assist these heroes as they reintegrate back to active duty or civilian society.

- **SMGA Clinic Series**

An adaptive golf curriculum stands at the core of the SMGA clinic series. Hundreds of wounded warriors 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. Warrior golfers 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 SMGA to wounded warriors who are not located within close proximity to one of our many clinic locations. This program matches post-9/11 wounded warriors with individual PGA of America golf professionals familiar with teaching adaptive golf. Warrior golfers who participate in the American Golfer Program are eligible to participate 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 warriors. 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 warriors.

### SMGA Chapters and Affiliates:

Olney, MD	Fort Drum, NY
Boston, MA	Fort Eustis, VA
Camp Lejeune, NC	North Texas, TX
Fort Bragg, NC	Pacific Northwest

- Equipped more than 800 wounded warriors with properly fitted golf clubs.
- Offered at least one golf lesson to more than 2,000 post-9/11 wounded warriors.
- Provided hundreds of golf clinics to wounded warriors and their families at more than 10 locations nationwide.
- Enrolled 30 wounded warriors in the 2013 American Golfer Program.

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