

Founding of the Salute Military Golf Association



In 2007, Jim Estes, who is a former PGA Tour player, partnered with Jamie Winslow to establish the Salute Military Golf Association (SMGA). Their motivation was to offer support and rehabilitation to post-9/11 wounded warriors. At the time, these service members were undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Through their efforts, Estes and Winslow aimed to make a positive impact on the lives of these veterans by providing them with opportunities for recovery and community through golf.

How You Can Contribute To SMGA New England

SMGA seeks partners to support Wounded Veterans through golf as part of their healing journey. Partners include PGA Professionals, golf courses, board members, and donors. Ways to help:

- Donate a foursome for auction
- Host veterans at your course
- Provide quality used clubs/sets
- Play in or sponsor tournaments
- Volunteer as an Advisory Member
- Make tax-deductible donations
- Become a member of our PGA Instructor staff

Donations:

Both In-kind and financial gifts are welcomed and appreciated.

Mail: SMGA New England
P.O. Box 1014 Concord MA 01742

Or On-Line: www.smganewengland.org DONATE

SMGA New England is a non-profit charitable organization as designated under the 501(C)(3) status. Fed Id # 65-1296873

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The New England PGA members support SMGA New England by providing golf instructions for our Post 9-11 Combat Wounded Veterans. Warrior Golf Clinics are hosted at Springfield CC, The International, Lebaron Hills CC, Ferncroft CC, Atkinson CC, Dunegrass CC, Montaup CC, Pawtucket CC and Wannamoisett CC.

Our Partners



PGA Tour Superstores MA provide custom fitting for SMGA Warrior Golf Clinic Graduates.

Golf Courses played 2025

Atkinson Resort & CC
Concord Country Club
CranberryValley GC
Cranston Country Club
Dunegrass Country Club
Fenner Hill GC
Ferncroft Country Club
Great Horse
Haverhill Country Club
Indian Pond
Juniper Hills GC
Links @ Outlook Farm
Meadowbrook GC
Mohegan Sun GC
Monoosnock GC

Myopia Hunt
Pawtucket Country Club
Potowomut Country Club
Pt Sebago Country Club
Rhode Island Country Club
Salem Country Club 2026
Shaker Hills Country Club
South Shore Country Club
Springfield Country Club
The Cape Club of Sharon
The Haven Country Club
The International GC
Wannamoisett Country Club
Wedgewood Pines CC
Wollaston Country Club

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Salute Military Golf Association Believes in the Healing Power of the Game of Golf and Sharing it with our Post 9-11 Combat Wounded Veterans.



Great Horse Hampden, MA



Concord Country Club



Potowomut Country Club



Boston area Veterans @ Myopia Hunt

Our Mission

“A Game With the Power to Heal Post-9/11 Combat-Wounded Veterans”

We believe that learning and playing golf with fellow service members supports healing and eases the transition back to civilian life. We've seen golf serve as a powerful tool for recovery and reintegration. SMGA creates lasting moments of camaraderie and concentration for veterans, helping them enjoy golf beyond the challenges of injury.

A Plan for Success

The SMGA's goal is simple: create an environment for participation, recreation, interaction, and enjoyment—building appreciation for golf and lasting friendships that extend well beyond rehabilitation.

The program is unique because it integrates golf into the mental and physical recovery of Post-9/11 injured Veterans. Golf allows people of all skill levels to participate together, connect, and interact socially while playing.

Eligibility

Eligible Veterans include those who have received Purple Heart Awards, were wounded or injured (including PTSD & TBI) from Post9/11 military contingency combat operations. Documentation is required for participation. Refer to Join SMGA Documentation on our website <https://smganewengland.org>



Concord Country Club



Mohegan Sun Golf Club

SMGA Programs

The game of golf embodies strength, flexibility, endurance, balance, and mental discipline. Our programs are designed to leverage these attributes to facilitate the healing process.

Warrior Golf Clinics

An adaptive golf curriculum stands at the core of the clinics. Partnering with PGA professional instructors, qualified Post 9-11 combat wounded, injured veterans that show a demonstrated commitment to golf as a form of therapy are eligible for the following:

- 8-week formal coaching instruction
- Custom fitted set of 11 TaylorMade golf clubs
- TaylorMade Golf Bag with SMGA Logo
- Clinics are hosted at 9 locations in New England

SMGA Member Golf Outings

SMGA New England has hosted golf outings at local golf courses. Included are these iconic courses: The Country Club, Myopia Hunt, Great Horse, Concord CC, Burlington CC, Wannamoisett GC. More courses are listed on the back panel.

TaylorMade & Adidas Discounts

SMGA New England Veterans are eligible to purchase golf clubs and golf apparel at 40% off wholesale prices through our TaylorMade and Adidas Partners.



Kevin Butler -
Bob Beach PGA



First Warrior Golf Clinic
Class of 2012-2013
Joe Sullivan far right,
at Golf Lounge 18 Braintree, MA.,
Honoring Kevin Butler

SMGA New England Success Story

Founded in 2012 at Granite Links GC by Jerry Shanahan, Bob Beach, PGA, and U.S. Army Veterans Kevin Butler (deceased) and Joe Sullivan, our chapter began as an all-volunteer SMGA program. Six veterans attended the first Warrior Golf Clinics. As participation grew, the chapter expanded from SMGA Boston to SMGA New England, now serving 650+ Veteran Members across all six New England states.

Through partnerships with Fairways for Freedom and SMGA National, our veterans have enjoyed golf trips to Ireland, Scotland, Cabot Links, Equinox, The Masters, Hootie & the Blowfish's Monday After The Masters, President Bush's Warrior Opens & Tee It Up for the Troops.

Group memberships offering green fee discounts are available for our SMGA Members at Dunegrass CC, Pawtucket CC, South Shore CC & Holden Hills CC.

Some members have become accomplished golfers, many have reunited with fellow service members, and all have found friendships and peace through golf. SMGA New England remains a remarkable program that saves lives in our Veteran community.

To learn more about our programs please Scan the QR or visit us at <https://smganewengland.org>



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