

SMGA BEGINNINGS



Jim Estes, a former PGA Tour player, and childhood friend Jamie Winslow co-founded the Salute Military Golf Association in late 2006. They both saw first-hand the positive force the game of golf could play in the recovery process for our nation's wounded warriors. SMGA began with the purpose of creating a therapeutic outlet for post-9/11 veterans undergoing prolonged medical treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SMGA NEW ENGLAND

SMGA is always looking for new partners to assist with providing golf opportunities for Wounded Veterans in order to assist with the healing process. Partners range the spectrum from PGA Professionals to golf courses, board members and individual donors.

There are many ways in which you can support our post 9-11 Wounded Veterans:

- Hosting Wounded Veterans at your home course
- Donating high quality used sets and individual golf clubs
- Playing in and sponsoring golf outings
- Volunteer as a local SMGA New England Advisory Member
- Individual Tax Deductible donations

Donations can be made to:

SMGA NEW ENGLAND
PO Box 1014
Concord, MA 01742
Or Online
www.smganewengland.org
Tax ID: 65-1296873

Email Inquiries and Speaker requests can be sent to:
jerrys@smgaboston.org

Tax Deductible golf club donations can be made to your local pro shop and pick-up arrangements will be made with your local PGA professional.

SMGA New England is a Non-Profit Charitable Organization. Ninety-Five % of all donations go directly to support our golf experiences throughout New England.



The New England Section of the PGA supports SMGA New England for promoting the game of golf to our wounded veterans.

PGA Professionals **Mass:** Bob Beach, Vinny Del Zappo, Todd Cook, Tim Watroba, EJ Altobello, Jim Tobin, Steve Clancy, Bob Keene, Bob Rundlett, Steve Colt, Liam Friedman, Phil Leiss, James Camrin, Jamie Ballard, **Rhode Island:** Mike Gelinas, Bill Maguire, Brad McCluski, Norm Alberigo, **CONN:** Michel Painchaud, Jeff Soberjei, Gerry D'Amora, **Vermont:** Libby Smith, **New Hampshire:** Tom Smith, Jason Sedan, **Maine:** Mike Gilbert

OUR PARTNERS



Burlington Country Club VT

Golf Courses:

Bay Pointe GC MA
Blue Hill CC MA
Concord CC MA
Cranberry Valley GC MA
Crumpin Fox GC MA
Ferncroft CC MA
Granite Links GC MA
Halifax CC MA
Ledgemont CC MA
Nashawtuc CC MA
Ponkapoag GC MA
Sterling National CC MA
Tekoa CC MA
The Country Club MA
The Haven CC MA
The International GC MA
Thorny Lea GC MA
Twin Springs GC MA
Agawam Hunt RI
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Wannamoissett CC RI
Warwick CC RI
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Corporate Sponsors:

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Joe & Leighs Discount Golf
John Hynes Boston Global Investors
Liberty Bay Credit Union
Mass Bay Credit Union
Mass Fallen Heroes
PH Mechanical
Rafferty Aluminum
Raytheon Employees
RI Wedding Group
RIAGC & RI Trades Council
Roche Bros Eddie Roche
RO NEL Golf Classic
TD Bank MA & ME
Teknor Apex
UNUM Insurance
Wallace Capital
Mike Gasbarro
Jon Dyson
Jon Pina
Steve Roberts



*Empowering Wounded Veterans
One Fairway at a Time*



U.S. Army Ranger Reunion at SMGA New England's Thorny Lea GC Tournament
Kim Emerling, A.J. Moran, Ken Morrell, Charlie Weber

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Veterans Day Outing @ Ferncroft Country Club MA
Matt Chambers & Jason Christian with their Personalized Tee Signs.

OUR MISSION

“A GAME WITH THE POWER TO HEAL WOUNDED VETERANS”

We believe that learning and playing the game of golf alongside current and past serving brothers and sisters- in- arms helps to facilitate the healing and transition process. We have seen firsthand how golf can be a powerful tool in the recovery and reintegration process.

“They are interacting with their fellow veterans...but more importantly giving them that moment in time where SMGA is allowing them to focus on something other than their injury” Chris Nowak

A PLAN FOR SUCCESS

The SMGA plan is simple: provide a setting for participation, recreation, interaction and enjoyment in order to foster a true appreciation for the game of golf and build lasting friendships that extend past rehabilitation and far beyond the golf course.

The SMGA program is unique in that it actively incorporates the game of golf into the mental and physical rehabilitation of our post 9-11 injured veterans. Unlike any other sport, golf provides the setting for players of varying skill levels to participate, network and socially interact.

Eligible veterans include those wounded & injured including PTSD & TBI as a result of participation in Post 9-11 military combat operations. Active and reserve duty military personnel and veterans of other eras are also encouraged to participate.



SMGA Western New England Veterans @ Brattleboro Country Club VT



SMGA New England Veterans @ Wanumetonomy Country Club Rhode Island

SMGA PROGRAMS

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

Programs include:

- Golf Clinics
- Club Fitting
- Golf Outings/Golf Experiences
- Adaptive Golf for Mobile Impaired

SMGA WARRIOR GOLF CLINIC

An adaptive golf curriculum stands at the core of the clinic series. Partnering with NEPGA Professional Instructors, post 9-11 combat wounded/injured veterans that show a demonstrated commitment to golf as a form of therapy are eligible for the following:

- Used set of starter golf clubs
- 8 week formal clinic with individual and group instruction
- Custom fitted set of new Taylor Made golf clubs
- Monthly golf outings

ADAPTIVE GOLF EQUIPMENT

SMGA New England owns Para Golfer mobility machines to provide learning and playing opportunities for veterans that have mobility difficulties. The Para Golfers are provided free of use for clinics and outings on an as needed basis.



SMGA NEW ENGLAND LOCATIONS

Since our beginning in 2013 SMGA New England has operated as an all-volunteer organization. However, due to our steadily expanded programming we have hired one of our SMGA Veteran members as a Part-Time Golf Event & Veterans Outreach Coordinator. Our Programs include 28 Golf Outings & Fund-Raising Tournaments, Warrior Golf Clinics in 9 Locations, GHIN Club Program with MASS GOLF & NEPGA Pro Veteran Outing.

Highlights of our Success:

- More than 185 Wounded Veterans have received formal instruction and custom fitted Taylor Made clubs
- More than 2000 individual golf experiences
- A monthly golf experience at one of our participating courses (May-November)
- Year-long opportunities for free practice facilities and driving range time
- Expansion of Para Golfers availability
- 48 SMGA New England veterans have participated in golf trips to Ireland & Scotland, The Masters and Monday after the Masters.
- Many new friend introductions and reunions with long lost buddies.

For a full schedule of events and to learn more about our programs, please visit:

WWW.SMGANEWENGLAND.ORG