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NYSCOPBA Veterans Committee Sponsors Wounded Warrior Golf Event in Malone

(Malone, NY) – The New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA) today announced that it is proud to serve as a platinum sponsor of the Salute the Military Golf Association (SMGA) wounded warrior golf tour for the second consecutive year. Two NYSCOPBA teams, including five members who are also veterans, will each play a round with wounded warriors at Malone Golf Club during tomorrow's event.

"NYSCOPBA's Veterans Committee is proud to sponsor the 2012 Salute the Military Golf Association's wounded warrior golf tour," John Gavin, NYSCOPBA Central Region Vice President, said. "We owe a debt of gratitude to these soldiers and veterans, and we thank them for their service."

Through its active Veterans Committee, NYSCOPBA proudly support veterans and active duty service members on an ongoing basis by providing care packages to NYSCOPBA members during deployments and offering veterans remembrance tours to significant historic sites. NYSCOPBA members at each correctional facility also routinely provide direct assistance to service members and their families on an individual basis before, during and after deployments.

The Salute Military Golf Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was formed in early 2007 in an effort to bring the game of golf to our nation's combat-wounded veterans as a form of mental and physical rehabilitation. Golf can be a forceful rehabilitative tool. The SMGA believes that the rehabilitative benefits of golf can improve the mental and physical condition of each and every wounded soldier returning from combat. Since 2007, SMGA has equipped more than 250 wounded warriors with properly fitted golf clubs and offered free lessons to nearly 700 combat-wounded veterans.

NYSCOPBA represents over 26,000 New York State employees and retirees from the Security Services Unit. The Union was formed in May 1998 and since that time has provided superior representation to its membership under the independent and democratic model. NYSCOPBA's objectives are to improve the terms and conditions of employment, protect members' contractual rights, provide high quality representation in the collective bargaining process, communicate effectively with the membership, achieve legislative gains and to promote the overall welfare of members.

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