



“Wounded Warrior” golf outing took place in Watertown on 8-12-11. The NYSCOPBA Veterans Committee was a platinum sponsor of the event. Our members golfed, teamed with a wounded warriors (photos will follow), and NYSCOPBA was the biggest sponsor of the event. A plaque was given to NYSCOPBA at the awards dinner on 8-13-11 and we received many accolades from the dignitaries at the event including the attaché for the Secretary of the Army John McQue.

Hats off to the veterans committee for their efforts.

God bless America,  
land that I love,  
stand beside her and guide her  
through the night  
with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,  
to the oceans, white with foam,  
God bless America, my home,  
sweet home.  
God bless America, my home,  
sweet home.



# SMGA New York 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tour Awards Dinner

Saturday  
August 13, 2011  
Black River Valley Club  
Watertown, New York

## Sequence of Events

- 1800 - Cocktails
- 1830 - Welcome- Post the Colors – National Anthem
- 1845 - Dinner Served and Introduction of Head Table  
Brigadier General Harry E. Miller  
The Honorable F. Anthony Keating  
Colonel Noel T. Nicolle
- Introduction of Visiting Wounded Warriors  
Mischa Pasternak  
Rojean Thorman  
Sergeant Lee Fakauho
- Introduction of Special Guests  
Mr. Jamie Winslow - Co-Founder SMGA  
Mr. Jerry May - Office Manager SMGA  
Mr. Joe Butler - President Watertown Country Club  
Mr. Tom Hass NYSCOPBA - Platinum Sponsor  
Mr. Brian Owens - Gold Sponsor Info-Quick Solution
- 2000 - Introduce Keynote Speaker  
Brigadier General Harry E. Miller
- 2015 - Presentation of Golf Clubs  
Brigadier General Miller and Colonel Nicolle
- 2030 - Presentation of Perpetual Trophy  
Brigadier General Miller and  
Mr. Frank Dorchak SMGA-NY
- 2035 - Presentation of Green Jackets  
Mr. Jamie Winslow and  
Mr. Frank Dorchak SMGA - NY
- 2045 - Closing Remarks

BRIGADIER GENERAL  
HARRY E. MILLER, JR.  
Senior Commander, Fort Drum



Brigadier General Harry E. Miller, Jr. currently is Senior Commander, Fort Drum, New York. He commands the 10th Mountain Division (Rear) and Fort Drum and exercises command authority over all subordinate United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) units on Fort Drum. He also serves as the Coordinating authority over the Garrison, Medical Activity (MEDDAC), and Dental Activity (DENTAC) commands. General Miller is responsible for the readiness, deployment, redeployment and reset of the four Brigade-size operating forces attached to the 10th Mountain Division. He is responsible for the safety and well being of approximately 38,000 soldiers, families, and civilian employees at Fort Drum. Additionally, General Miller is responsible for directing priorities and approving resources for the delivery of services by Installation Management Command (IMCOM) at Fort Drum. He Also serves as the General Court Martial Convening Authority. General Miller received his commission in May 1980 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Washington and Jefferson College. After receiving his commission he served on active duty for over twelve-years with assignments to the 1st Armored Division, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group. In 1995 General Miller joined the New Hampshire National Guard where he most recently served as the Director of Operations (J3). He has also served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (G1) and the Commander, 54<sup>th</sup> Troop Command. General Miller has served two combat tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his first tour he was assigned to the Iraq Assistance Group as the senior advisor to Iraqi Security Forces along the Iraq/Iran border. During his second tour he Served with the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group and the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Arabian Peninsula as the senior advisor/LNO to the Multinational Corps -Iraq. He most recently served as the Director of Doctrine, Training, and Force Development (J7) on the Joint Staff of the National Guard Bureau.

### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (with Bronze Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M Device and Silver Hourglass), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 3), Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, and Thailand Parachute Badge

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## Wounded warriors dinner set for Saturday

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011

Wounded warriors will get chances to make their swings count on golf courses, and the public can recognize their accomplishments at a special dinner on Saturday night.

ARTICLE OPTIONS



The Salute the Military Golf Association of the New York Chapter will hold two golf tournaments on Friday and Saturday at Watertown Country Club, where wounded warriors were taught to play golf for rehabilitative purposes.

The SMGA recently completed its first golf clinic for 12 wounded warriors presently stationed at the Fort Drum Warrior Transition Unit.

A championship awards dinner will be Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Black River Valley Club, 131 Washington St. Brig. Gen. Harry E. Miller Jr., will be the keynote speaker. Other officials from the Maryland Home Office and wounded warriors, who have gone through golf clinics from Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval Hospital, will also attend.

RSVPs to the \$25-per-person event should be sent no later than Wednesday. Attendees may pay at the door.

The new graduates of the program will be presented with new Taylor Made golf sets by Gen. Miller, senior commander at Fort Drum, and Jamie Winslow, SMGA co-founder of the Maryland division.

The graduates of the six-week clinic were under the direction of Watertown CC golf professional Josh Woodward.

PHOTOS



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Cpl. James Gruening is one of the wounded warriors who recently completed the Salute the Military Golf Association clinic at Watertown Country Club. A dinner is scheduled Saturday to honor the participants.

Since 2007, SMGA has taught more than 700 wounded warriors, including combat-wounded amputees, and sufferers of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome) to play the game of golf.

Several of the “heroes” have gone on to be successful golf competitors in various tournaments, sponsored by SMGA and other golf associations.

For further information, contact Frank P. Dorchak Jr. at (518) 483-6272.

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## A game with the power to heal our nation's heroes...

Nearly 1.5 million Americans have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2002; of these, close to 30,000 have returned home with some form of injury. In fact, as a result of superior in-field medical treatment, it is estimated that the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have produced, by far, the highest ratio of wounded-to-dead of any U.S. war. 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 combat-wounded veterans as a form of mental and physical rehabilitation. Golf can be a forceful rehabilitative tool.

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## Our Mission

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. Begun with the purpose of creating a



therapeutic outlet for soldiers undergoing prolonged medical treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital, the SMGA's mission is to provide rehabilitative golf experiences for combat-wounded war

veterans in an effort to improve the quality of life for these American heroes. Through donations, the SMGA provides golf lessons, equipment, and playing opportunities for combat wounded soldiers injured in Iraq or Afghanistan. To date, the SMGA, through its affiliation with Olney Golf Park, has equipped more than 75 soldiers with properly fitted clubs, offered free lessons and range balls to more than 400 combat-wounded soldiers, and enabled the rehabilitative benefits of golf to improve the mental and physical condition of every soldier who has participated in an SMGA program.

## A Plan for Success

The honor, integrity, and values built by the game of golf closely mirror those embodied in our nation's military credos. The SMGA is seeking to build strong strategic alliances with those in the military, golf, and private arenas to bring about its vision of bringing the game of golf to our nation's combat-wounded war heroes. The SMGA will reach out to a wide range of stakeholders—the multi-national corporation, the local



business person, the community leader, the scratch golfer, or the weekend duffer—who wants to serve as a positive, supporting force in the life of a soldier. More of the SMGA's story can be found at: [www.smga.org](http://www.smga.org)





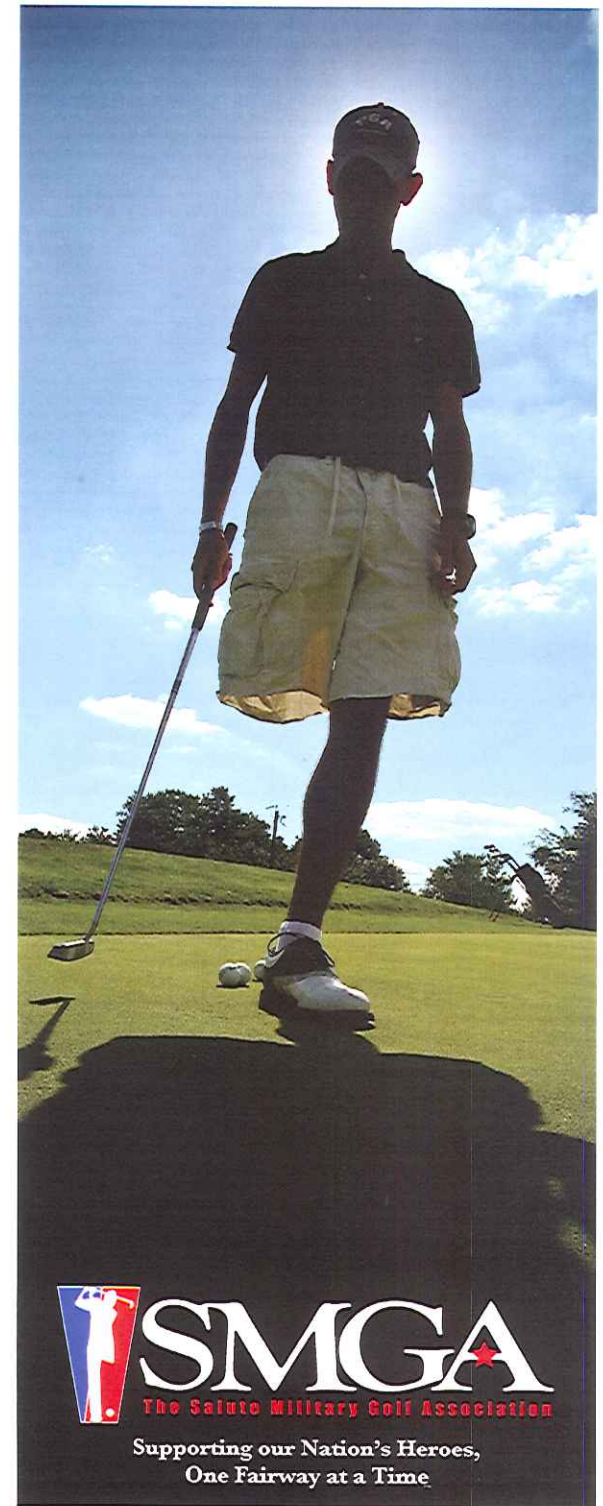
## Inspiration

Jim Estes, Director of Instruction at Olney Golf Park and the founder of the SMGA, has seen first-hand the positive force the game of golf has played in the recovery of our nation's combat-wounded veterans. Jim's efforts to bring golf to our nation's heroes have been recognized by the Wall Street Journal, CNN, CBS, NBC Nightly News, Fox News, the Golf Channel, and in a public service announcement that ran during this year's PGA Championship and Senior PGA Championship. Golf Range Magazine honored Jim as the 2008 Teacher of the Year and GOLF Magazine recognized Jim as one of '2007's Innovators of the Game.'

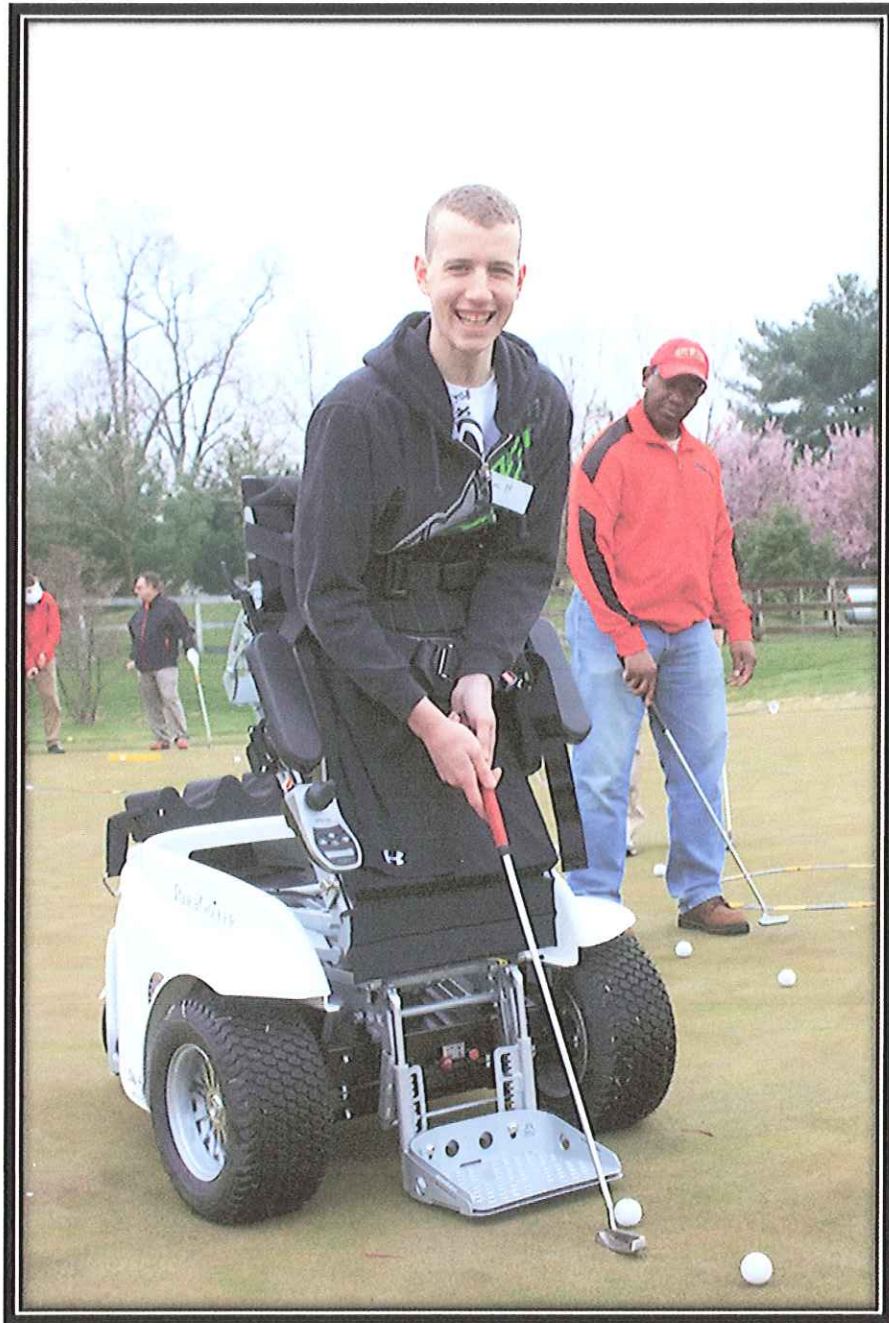
### Your Role with the SMGA

There are many ways you can help support our country's combat-wounded soldiers through the SMGA—club and equipment donations, volunteer and outreach efforts, and playing in and sponsoring our charity golf classic. Direct monetary contributions can be made payable to Salute Military Golf Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation; contributions can also be made online at [www.smga.org](http://www.smga.org). Such contributions will be used to purchase golf equipment, defray instructional expenses, and gain access to golf facilities throughout the country.

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Supporting our Nation's Heroes,  
One Fairway at a Time



Let me introduce SPC Tim Hall U.S. Army, Tim was wounded June 20, 2009 in Kabul, Afghanistan by an RPG(Rocket propelled grenade.) At the time he was only **"19 years old"** The reason he is smiling is because he can now, because of the Para Golfer, putt standing up.

