

June 17, 2016

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

First of all, on behalf of the Lowcountry Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes, I want to thank you again for the Proclamation you made in honor of our 6th annual Golf Classic held on May 16th at Hampton Hall in Bluffton. The 28 wounded soldiers, hundreds of participants, volunteers, and spectators truly appreciated it and were all touched that our Governor and State demonstrated its support.

It was hoped that you could personally attend this great event, but we all understand the scheduling and time demands your office creates. We can only hope that you can possibly attend next year's event, that will be on May 22, 2017. We continue to grow, and increase the awareness outside the gates of Hampton Hall, and have expanded activities to include Hampton Lake, Belfair, and Berkeley Hall. The mission and purpose of the LFWMH is touching many more citizens, and garnering additional support each year. The event this year raised an amazing \$240,000, bringing our 6 year total to nearly three quarters of a million dollars. This is all possible due to the unselfish efforts of South Carolinians that understand how great a need there is to help our wounded military personnel here in the lowcountry.

Please mark your calendar for May 22nd, as we would be honored to have you attend our 7th Annual Golf Classic. I can offer full assistance on assuring a convenient and enjoyable experience here.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Grimm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

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SIXTH ANNUAL WOUNDED HEROES GOLF
CLASSIC AIMS TO RAISE OVER \$185,000

*I pleased to
say we exceeded this!
\$240,000 raised!
Joe*

BLUFFTON, SC-The Lowcountry Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes will host the sixth annual Wounded Heroes Golf Classic at Hampton Hall on Monday, May 16, 2016. Building on the tremendous success of previous events, which have raised over **\$500,000**, the LFWMH hopes to surpass last year's donation total of **\$185,000**. Funds are donated to the *Birdies for the Brave*, operated by the PGA TOUR, which acts as a conduit for distributing funds to vetted charities that benefit wounded military heroes. Each year the LFWMH selects those charities which have demonstrated an ability to reach and positively impact wounded heroes in the Lowcountry and coastal Georgia.

Two years ago, a special relationship was initiated with K9's FOR WARRIORS, based in Jacksonville, Florida, and started by Shari Duval, mother of champion golfer David Duval. This organization provides dogs rescued from shelters and trains them as service K9's to be given to veterans suffering from PTSD symptoms. So far the Foundation has financed 7 dogs through the program, with the first two named 'Berkeley' and 'Hampton' to honor our supporters and volunteers from Berkeley Hall and Hampton Hall. 'Berkeley' and his new owner, Corporal Rick Smith (US Army), will again be one of the honored guests at this year's event. In addition, Shari Duval will be the Keynote speaker at the Awards dinner on Monday night.



On Monday, May 16, 224 donors will tee off and play 18 holes at either Hampton Hall or Belfair golf clubs, and they will be joined by 25 special guests, who are wounded veterans from local Army, Navy, and Marine Corps units. The spectacular Opening Ceremonies will start at 11:00 AM behind the Hampton Hall Golf Clubhouse, and they will feature the following:

- The Special Forces Association Parachute Team from Fort Bragg ,NC will send six jumpers(with two tandem passengers) into the skies to deliver the colors simultaneously to Hampton Hall and Belfair.
- SgtMajor Dwayne Farr(USMC,ret),assisted by Marine Corps JROTC cadets from Whale Branch High School, will play "America the Beautiful" on the bagpipes.
- Mayor Lisa Sulka will read a special Proclamation from the Town Board
- The Bluffton Police Honor Guard will post the colors.
- The National Anthem will be sung by owners and cast members of the Savannah Theatre.

Several hundred volunteers , residents of Hampton Hall, and invited guests will be in attendance. Following golf, activities will conclude with a dinner, silent/live auctions, and an awards ceremony at the Hampton Hall community clubhouse. Local individuals and businesses have enthusiastically supported this event, and the generous people of the Lowcountry will again demonstrate their profound support for our military heroes.This year,several of the LFWMH designated charities will be in attendance,along with wounded heroes and their families who have been helped by our efforts.

Please visit our website at : www.woundedmilitaryheroes.org and click on the DONATE tab to help us in our efforts. Please call us at 843-815-6339, or e-mail us at lfwmh@yahoo.com for more information.

The Lowcountry Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed to raise and allocate funds that directly support the reintegration of wounded warriors into civilian society.