

November 11, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley,

On the morn of this Veteran's Day 2015, I sit and ponder, giving thanks and appreciation to all the men and women that so unselfishly sacrifice so much to preserve our freedom. I know you also feel a deep appreciation for our veterans and active military personnel.

Almost six years ago, a small group of citizens living here in Hampton Hall in Bluffton, SC, sat around a table after a round of golf, and discussed that something should and could be done to help our wounded soldiers here in the Lowcountry. From this casual discussion, the Lowcountry Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes emerged, and in 5 short years, has raised over \$500,000 to directly benefit those wounded heroes here in the Lowcountry. Last year alone, over \$185,000 was raised in a two day event. It is important to note that this organization is run 100% by volunteers, and all the money goes to the stated mission of helping wounded heroes. In fact, there are over 125 volunteers that are guided by a small group of board members and committee leaders. Their only reward is knowing that their hard work and dedication results in helping these amazing soldiers that are in need.

Mayor Lisa Sulka has always played a role in the event, as minimally as reading a proclamation at the opening ceremonies, to last year, jumping out of an airplane with a paratrooper team to kick off the event, and sitting in a dunk tank at our Inaugural Festival for Heroes. Last year, albeit relatively late, I invited you to attend via your website. I did receive a phone call from one of your staff members that explained you had a prior commitment. I am writing to you personally this year, in the hope that you may be able to schedule to attend one of our events.

This year, we will be holding our Festival for Heroes on April 3<sup>rd</sup> on the grounds of Hampton Hall in Bluffton. We will have live music, food vendors, Fire and Police Department exhibits and demonstrations, games and activities for all, silent auctions, and more. We are also planning on the addition of a 5K and 10K run, followed by a first annual Fishing for Heroes fishing tournament.

Our main event, the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wounded Heroes Golf Classic, will be held here at Hampton Hall on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. At this tournament, our opening ceremonies include parachute jumps, presentation of the colors by the Bluffton Police, bagpiper procession, and singing of the National Anthem by a local theater ensemble. We have 18 to 24 wounded heroes in attendance that receive free golf lessons and participate in the

tournament, playing along side the other participants. That evening, at the awards presentation and dinner, we have keynote speakers that address the attendees, talking about the tremendous needs and how much need and appreciation there is for fundraising efforts like ours. There usually isn't a dry eye in the crowd. A silent auction and live auction concludes the festivities.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the evening before the Golf Classic, we will conduct a Community and Volunteer Appreciation event. A light dinner, auction, live music, and guest speakers gives homage to the community and all of our volunteers.

As you can see, the LFWMH has grown and continues to do so. We can never do enough to thank the wounded soldiers, but we can at least make an effort to assure they will never be forgotten.

I personally invite you to share in our 2016 fundraising efforts and celebration for our wounded heroes. As Governor, your time is valuable, and we all appreciate that. With three different dates and events, it is hoped that you may possibly attend this year. I can certainly offer our residence here at Hampton Hall for you to stay, arrange for local transportation, or anything that may facilitate your presence. Should you have any questions at all, please feel free in contacting me at your convenience.

I thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration and possible participation. Enclosed is a brochure and other information. Our website, [www.woundedmilitaryheroes.org](http://www.woundedmilitaryheroes.org) is another means to learn about the LFWMH.

Best regards, and God Bless America,



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*Wounded Heroes Golf Classic*

*May 16, 2016*

*Hampton Hall Club, Bluffton, South Carolina*

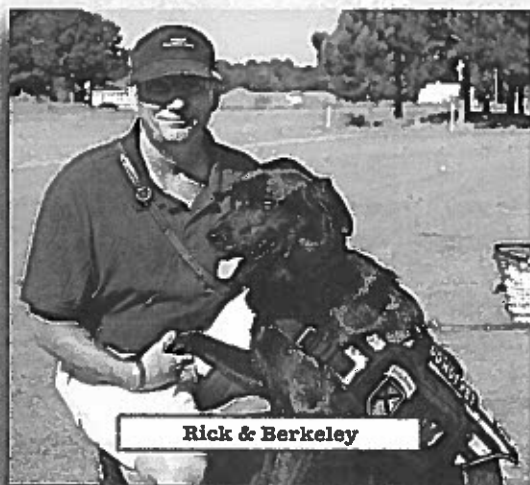


# ★ WOUNDED HEROES ★ GOLF CLASSIC 2016

May 16, 2016  
Hampton Hall Club, Bluffton, South Carolina



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ADEQUATELY REPAY the service of veterans who return from war zones bearing the most profound of injuries. As a humble token of our gratitude, the annual Wounded Heroes Golf Classic offers these brave men and women a day of fun-filled brotherhood. Friendly rivalries play out on a superb golf course. Veterans and community come together to enjoy patriotic entertainment. Evening festivities include dinner and silent and live auctions, with proceeds benefiting our own Lowcountry heroes.



## 18 HOLES.

For the sixth year in succession, the Wounded Heroes Golf Classic will be held at Hampton Hall Club on the exquisite Pete Dye-designed Signature Course, widely considered to be one of the finest courses in the Lowcountry. The tournament will feature 36 foursomes and include a number of area wounded veterans.

We will be honored this year by the participation of several Purple Heart recipients from the Afghanistan and Iraq war zones. They, along with fellow servicemen and women, will be joined by area residents, sponsors, contributors, and businesspeople.

*"K9s For Warriors is proud to partner with the Lowcountry Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes to give a new leash on life to warriors and rescue dogs. Outstanding organization and outstanding people." ~ Denis Oliveri, Executive Director K9s For Warriors*

"The need has never been greater to honor and support our courageous military members and their families, and the Lowcountry Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes has been an outstanding partner in helping the PGA TOUR support wounded heroes in the South Carolina Lowcountry the past five years through the Birdies for the Brave military outreach initiative."

— John Flaschner

Vice President, Public Relations and Community Outreach, PGA TOUR



"Our MISSION is to provide funds that directly support wounded military heroes through charitable programs reviewed, approved and recommended by the Birdies for the Brave which is a PGA Tour Charities, Inc. affiliate. These programs are designed specifically for the individual needs of our wounded heroes as they assimilate back into the civilian population."



## \$500,000 AND COUNTING.

Over the past five years our golf classic and other fund-raising events have totaled over \$500,000! While we have been overwhelmed by such a great response, we anticipate our 2016 event will at least match if not surpass our previous fundraising efforts.

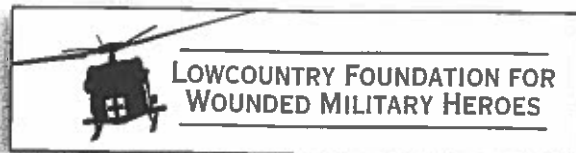
LFWMH is a 100% volunteer effort. This leads to a very high percentage of all proceeds directly benefiting charities we have chosen to support. As in our prior 5 years, we have chosen to direct our donations through the PGA's "Birdies for the Brave" military outreach program to six very deserving military charities.

(1) Special Operations Warrior Foundation (2) K9s For Warriors, providing service canines to injured military suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) (3) Operation Homefront (4) Military Warrior Support Foundation (5) Navy SEAL Foundation and (6) Green Beret Foundation.



To learn more about participating in our event (entry fee is \$800 per foursome), donating money or items for our silent and live auctions, sponsorship opportunities, the charities we support, or our Foundation, please visit our website: [www.woundedmilitaryheroes.org](http://www.woundedmilitaryheroes.org), email us at [lfwmh@yahoo.com](mailto:lfwmh@yahoo.com), or please call us at 843-815-6339.

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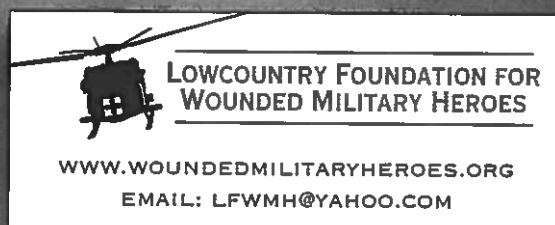
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## **Lowcountry Foundation For Wounded Military Heroes Raises a Record \$185,000**

BLUFFTON, SC- On Monday, June 29, the Lowcountry Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes presented the *Birdies for the Brave*, a PGA TOUR Charities affiliate, with a donation of \$185,000. In the past five years the Foundation has raised a total of \$500,000 that directly benefits veterans in this area who have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. The following homefront charities will receive donations this year: (1) K9's for Warriors, (2) Operation Homefront, (3) Military Warriors Support Foundation, (4) Special Operations Warrior Foundation, (5) Green Beret Foundation and (6) Navy SEAL Foundation.

The fifth annual Wounded Heroes Golf Classic was hosted again at Hampton Hall on May 18, which was preceded for the first time by a Festival For Heroes community event on May 17. Activities, which included food vendors, games, musical artists, and live/silent auctions, were planned to both thank volunteers for their efforts, and also raise additional donations. The spectacular Opening Ceremonies once again welcomed over 160 golfers, who were joined by 20 special guests who are wounded veterans from area Army, Navy, and Marine Corps units. Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka kicked off the ceremony by reading a Proclamation issued by the Bluffton Town Council, after she completed a tandem parachute jump onto the 9<sup>th</sup> green with the Special Forces Association Parachute Team, who once again delivered the colors. Sgt Major Dwayne Farr (USMC, ret) played "America the Beautiful" on the bagpipes accompanied by a student drill team representing the MCJROTC program from Whale Branch Early College High School. The Bluffton Police Honor Guard posted the colors as cast members from the Savannah Theatre group sang the National Anthem. Following the golf event, a cocktail reception, dinner, and silent and live auctions were hosted at the Hampton Hall Community Clubhouse. The evening concluded with awards and a keynote address by Lt. Col. Gade, a wounded hero who is now on the staff at West Point Military Academy.





## LOWCOUNTRY FOUNDATION FOR WOUNDED MILITARY HEROES

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Dear Friend of the Lowcountry Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes:

You may be aware of our golf tournament held in May of 2015 at Hampton Hall Club and Berkeley Hall to honor and raise funds for combat wounded servicemen and women returning home from the Iraq and Afghanistan war zones.

The golf tournament was a terrific success, but more importantly, the event raised **\$185,000** for our wounded heroes. In light of the success of last year's event, we are staging our sixth annual **Wounded Heroes Golf Classic** tournament on **May 16, 2016**, in conjunction with the PGA Tour's "**Birdies for the Brave**" military outreach program. Since our beginning five years ago the Foundation has raised an amazing **\$500,000!** This promises to be an even more spectacular day with numerous events culminating in a dinner and silent and live auctions.

We are dependent on the cooperation and generosity of the community to ensure the success of the **Wounded Heroes Golf Classic**. In this respect, we are offering numerous ways in which you can support our efforts. These include sponsorships and the donation of items for the auctions.

I am enclosing a list of these opportunities together with our brochure to give you additional information about our efforts. Please note that the funds raised will be used to directly benefit wounded heroes in the lowcountry through a number of deserving military charities approved by "Birdies for the Brave" and the PGA Tour.

If you have an interest in providing support or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at [lfwmh@yahoo.com](mailto:lfwmh@yahoo.com) or by phone at **843-815-6339**. Please visit us at our website [woundedmilitaryheroes.org](http://woundedmilitaryheroes.org), and our Facebook page. We would greatly appreciate your help in ensuring that these brave men and women are recognized for their sacrifice.

Sincerely,

Russ Spicer  
Chairman  
Wounded Military Heroes Foundation





# HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### DONATIONS OF ITEMS/SERVICES TO OUR SILENT/LIVE AUCTIONS

<b>HOLE SPONSORSHIP</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Event Signage</li></ul>
<b>BRONZE LEVEL</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Your name/company included in the auction program</li><li>- Event signage</li><li>- Two complimentary tickets to dinner &amp; auction</li></ul>
<b>SILVER LEVEL</b>	<b>\$2500</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Your name/company included in the auction program</li><li>- Event signage</li><li>- Complimentary foursome in the event</li><li>- Two complimentary seats at the event dinner</li><li>- Signage at the practice green and driving range</li></ul>
<b>GOLD LEVEL</b>	<b>\$5000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Your name/company listed as Official Sponsor of the event in the auction program</li><li>- Event signage</li><li>- Complimentary foursome in the event</li><li>- Four complimentary seats at the event dinner</li></ul>
<b>PLATINUM LEVEL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<p><b>SPECIAL PRESENTING SIGNAGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Full page in auction book listing your name/company as Presenting Sponsor</li><li>- Complimentary foursome in the event</li><li>- Four complimentary seats at the event dinner</li></ul>

For more information please e-mail us at [lfwmh@yahoo.com](mailto:lfwmh@yahoo.com), or call 843-815-6339.

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**2016 WOUNDED HEROES GOLF CLASSIC**

**May 16, 2016**

**WWW.WOUNDEDMILITARYHEROES.ORG**

**Donor/Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hole Sponsor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Item/Service** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Value** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Information/Item Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Release for Use:** We value your contribution and privacy and therefore seek your consent to **acknowledge you as a contributor** to the LFWMH in social media which may include, but not limited to our website, programs, Facebook, tournament signage and other media outlets.

**You have our permission to acknowledge us in the above media (please circle one)**

**YES NO PRINT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Items must be received no later than April 15th, 2016 for inclusion in printed material.**

**LFWMH Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

LFWMH is a proud supporter of Birdies for the Brave

