

# North Texas Wounded Warrior Golf Association 2012 Year End Report

*The following is a description of NTWWGA activities during 2012*

2012 was a transformational year for the North Texas Wounded Warrior Golf Association. We began the year as a fundraising organization for wounded warrior charities. We finished the year as the North Texas affiliate of the Salute Military Golf Association (SMGA). As such, we will begin offering golf clinics, lessons, equipment and playing opportunities to wounded warriors who live in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex or are recovering from their injuries in one of our area's VA hospitals.

Building on a successful fundraising effort for Salute Military Golf Association charity in 2011, we deepened our relationship with this wonderful organization and hosted another fundraising golf tournament. The Second Annual American Airlines North Texas Wounded Warrior Charity Golf Tournament was held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Iron Horse Golf Course in North Richland Hills. At the tournament, we hosted 12 wounded warriors for a weekend of rehabilitative activities.



**2012 North Texas Wounded Warrior Charity Golf Tournament  
Wounded Warrior Participants with Guest of Honor Ray McNeil**



**Birdville High Golf Team and Wounded Warriors**

Highlights of the tournament weekend included members of the Birdville High School Golf Team hosting several of our wounded warrior participants at a practice round at Iron Horse Golf Course. The high school team was able to show the combat veterans the best way to play their home course. The soldiers were able to share their life and wartime experiences with their young guides.

Courtesy of American Airlines, our title sponsor, the tournament's guest of honor was Ray McNeil, a 90-year-old avid golfer. During World War II, Ray served our country as a member of the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force, logging over 65 combat missions as a B-24 pilot and flight engineer.

The tournament fielded 140 participants. The participants ranged in age from 14 to 90. We raised over \$14,000 for our work with SMGA – providing rehabilitative golfing experiences to our nation's heroes.

Other weekend activities for the soldiers included a banquet donated by the Olive Garden Restaurant in North Richland Hills, a country western concert donated by Billy Bob's Texas and a kayak fishing expedition with Heroes on the Water, a partner wounded warrior charity.



**Brian Bradley and Ray McNeil**



**Olive Garden Banquet**



**Matt and Chris - Billy Bob's**



**Matt – Heroes on the Water**

**Moving into 2013....** As the North Texas affiliate of the Salute Military Golf Association, we will offer a beginner golf clinic to military veterans with a service-related disability. Our first eight-week clinic is scheduled for March 2013 at Timarron Country Club in Southlake, TX. The 2013 North Texas Warrior Golf Clinic will be patterned after SMGA's proven clinic model. Wounded warrior participants who complete participation requirements will be eligible to receive a set of custom-made golf clubs. We look forward to this endeavor.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our sponsors and supporters in the North Texas community, we are able to improve the lives of our disabled national heroes. To keep track of our activities, visit our website at [www.ntwwga.org](http://www.ntwwga.org).



**SMGA Wounded Warrior Golf Clinic**

***Improving the lives of our disabled national heroes.  
One fairway at a time...***