

# North Texas Wounded Warrior Golf Association 2014 Year End Report

*The following is a description of NTWWGA activities during 2014*

## North Texas Warrior Golf Clinic

In 2014, NTWWGA continued to serve as the North Texas Chapter of the Salute Military Golf Association. Our joint mission is to provide rehabilitative golfing experiences to wounded warriors. To accomplish our mission, we offer golf clinics, lessons, equipment, apparel and playing opportunities to North Texas wounded warriors. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for these American heroes through the game of golf.

In the spring of 2014, NTWWGA hosted its second North Texas Warrior Golf Clinic - the heart of our program. Through this clinic, we provided golf instruction, golf equipment and golf apparel to nine program participants. Special guests at the clinic included Congresswoman Kay Granger and PGA touring pro Danny Lee. At the conclusion of the clinic, we awarded a set of custom-fit TaylorMade golf clubs to the warrior participants. We are deeply grateful to the staff and members of Timarron Country Club who continue to donate the use of their facilities, equipment, and instructor time to host our clinics.



**2014 North Texas Warrior Golf Clinic – Timarron Country Club**

### **Playing Opportunities in North Texas**

NTWWGA maintains a relationship with the wounded warriors registered with our charity. NTWWGA sponsors playing opportunities at golf events and we coordinate numerous invitations from outside organizations that are offered to our warrior golfers. In 2014, NTWWGA coordinated 113 individual wounded warrior playing opportunities to 23 different events in North Texas. 24 North Texas warriors registered in our program took advantage of at least one of these playing opportunities.



**NTWWGA Warriors at Coaches & Friends for the Military Golf Tournament**

### **HP Byron Nelson and Crowne Plaza Colonial**

Several NTWWGA warrior golfers were able to partake in our area's PGA events. Courtesy of the HP Byron Nelson, nine NTWWGA warrior golfers played in the HP Byron Nelson Corporate Challenge. At this event, one of the NTWWGA teams finished in third place and became eligible to play in the HP Byron Nelson Classic Pro-Am. The Fluor Corporation invited NTWWGA warrior Jason Leap to play with their team at the HP Byron Nelson Celebrity Pro-Am and he helped the Fluor team take second place. Courtesy of American Airlines, four NTWWGA warrior golfers were able to experience the Hogan's Alley Walk, a "between the ropes" event at the Crowne Plaza Colonial.



**NTWWGA Warriors at Freedom Golf Ireland**

### **Competitive Events**

NTWWGA wounded warriors were also invited to play in two prestigious events. Jason Leap played in the Simpson Cup, a Ryder Cup-styled tournament held this year at Congressional Country Club. Curtis Fowler competed against 20 fellow wounded warriors in the 2014 Warrior Open at Las Colinas Golf Course, hosted by President George W. Bush.

### **Golf Trips**

Wounded warriors from our program also participated in several golf trips. With funding from SMGA, our national level affiliate, NTWWGA was able to send two warrior golfers to Golf Digest's Freedom Golf Ireland Program. North Texas warrior golfers also participated in the Tee it Up for the Troop's Reunion event in Orlando, the Monday after the Masters in Myrtle Beach, and two golf events in Austin Texas.



**Jason Leap helped the US Team win the 2014 Simpson Cup**

## **Fundraising**

NTWWGA held its fourth annual North Texas Wounded Warrior Charity Golf Tournament at Timarron Country Club in September. At this event, NTWWGA hosted 16 North Texas wounded warriors and raised nearly \$26,000. Proceeds from this tournament will be used to fund our 2015 North Texas Warrior Golf Clinic and provide playing opportunities for the warriors registered with NTWWGA. A special highlight of this tournament was the \$2600 raised from participants who made a donation at a Par-3 to use a tee shot offered by warrior Dave Romanowsky and three-year NTWWGA volunteer junior golfer Kyle Corey.



**Warrior Dave Romanowsky  
Volunteer Kyle Corey**



**Wounded Warriors at Flagpole Ceremony for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual North Texas Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament**

## **Ridglea Country Club Donation**

Fort Worth's Ridglea Country Club hosted 9 NTWWGA warrior golfers at their Veteran's Day Salute to our Heroes of Freedom golf event. At the event's reception, the staff and members of Ridglea Country Club surprised NTWWGA with donation of \$4500.



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**Ridglea Country Club's  
Donation to NTWWGA**

## **Media Exposure**

NTWWGA volunteer Amanda Studebaker produced a video documentary of our 2014 Warrior Golf Clinic available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FIQ09cgs\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FIQ09cgs_U). Online magazine BubbleLife highlighted NTWWGA's efforts to improve the lives of wounded warriors during the month of September. NTWWGA was able to thank its sponsors with a complimentary ad in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Fort Worth Business Press.

**Moving into 2015....** We will again offer our spring North Texas Warrior Golf Clinic to military veterans with a service-related disability. This eight-week instructional golf clinic is scheduled to begin in March 2015 at Timarron Country Club. The clinic will again be patterned after SMGA's proven adaptive golf clinic model. Clinic participants who complete participation requirements will be eligible to receive a set of custom-fit TaylorMade golf clubs.

We are now a self-sufficient chapter of the Salute Military Golf Association. As such, we will now completely fund our local operations and premium warrior golf trips, including warrior trips to Freedom Golf Ireland and the Tee It Up for the Troops Reunion golf experience in Orlando, Florida.

We are also coordinating discounted playing opportunities for the golfers registered in our program at both private and public courses throughout the DFW metroplex. We have a few tentative agreements with metroplex golf courses that we should be announcing to our registered golfers in early 2015.

***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).***

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



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# North Texas Wounded Warrior Golf Association

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