



Saluting PGA Professionals who have gone above and beyond for the families of those who served

The Emerald Golf Club of New Bern began participating in Patriot Golf Day six years ago.

To date, the club has raised \$100,000 from this event to support Folds of Honor with event participation continuing to grow thanks to strong support from the community.

How does your club participate in Patriot Golf Day?

“The Emerald Golf Club started participating in Patriot Golf Day in 2010. I was moved to support Folds of Honor after attending a PGA Seminar in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where Major Dan Rooney touched my heart with his story and the stories of the families he has helped. In 2010, we raised \$4,000. Each year our event has grown and in the six years we have participated in Patriot Golf Day we have raised a total of \$100,000, which includes \$35,000 that was raised at this year’s event. We participate in Patriot Golf Day by organizing a golf tournament as well as hosting a social event the night before with our sponsors. Our golf tournament is full every year with more than 100 players and the community support continues to grow dramatically.”



Jerry Briele, PGA

What makes your Patriot Golf Day so special?

“A major reason that our Patriot Golf Day is made special is through the social event with our sponsors that takes place the night before the tournament. We have hosted a speaker for the event, either a scholarship recipient or representative from Folds of Honor, to participate in the evening event and the golf tournament. The guest speakers have brought awareness to the mission and a personal touch to our event. At this year’s event, we hosted Colleen Katzenberger and Andrew Montgomery as our guests of honor. Colleen’s husband was killed in a heavy firefight in Afghanistan and Andrew was wounded by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan in 2011. Colleen and Andrew have remained very active in Folds of Honor by telling their stories to raise money for future scholarship recipients.

In addition to the Friday night social event and golf tournament, our Patriot Golf Day is made special through the support from the community, which continues to grow. And, I have been blessed with a fantastic tournament committee to lead our fundraising efforts each year.”



Thank you to all participating PGA Professionals