

## 2010 PATRIOT GOLF DAY PRESS RELEASE



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### **Wildhorse Golf Club to Participate in Fourth Annual Patriot Golf Day LABOR DAY, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE – 7:30AM SHOTGUN START**

*Donations will support the families of military service members who have been injured or died in the line of duty*

**Henderson, NV – WILDHORSE GOLF CLUB** will participate in the fourth annual Patriot Golf Day, a joint initiative of The PGA of America and the United States Golf Association. Golfers across the country and at **Wildhorse Golf Club** have the unique opportunity to donate an additional \$5 or more to benefit the Folds of Honor Foundation (FoldsofHonor.org), which provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation.

*“This is a great way for the golf industry to help the families of those who have lost their lives or have been injured. This event will generate \$20 per team which will be donated to the Folds of Honor Foundation. Also, if you register with your American Express Card, American Express will match that donation.” said Andy Wright, General Manager of Wildhorse Golf Club “This is a wonderful opportunity for golfers in our community to give back to those who have given everything.”*

Through events across the country since 2007, PGA Professionals have helped raise more than \$5.3 million, allowing the Folds of Honor Foundation to award 1,163 post-secondary educational scholarships.

Major Dan Rooney, a PGA Professional, USGA member and F-16 military pilot with the Oklahoma Air National Guard, founded the Folds of Honor Foundation following his second of three tours of duty in Iraq. After witnessing the tragic homecoming of a fallen American soldier, Rooney was inspired to start Folds of Honor to provide support to military families in the aftermath of their tragedies.

There are 172,000 dependents of fallen and wounded military service men and women from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts alone, and 85 percent of those dependents do not qualify for federal educational assistance. Patriot Golf Day allows the Folds of Honor to present an ongoing tribute to our brave service members by ensuring that the families of fallen and wounded warriors have hope for the right educational start to life and best future possible.

Individuals interested in contributing to the Folds of Honor Foundation, and those applying for scholarships should visit [FoldsofHonor.org](http://FoldsofHonor.org).

Since 1916, **The PGA of America's** mission has been twofold: to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf. By establishing and elevating the standards of the golf profession through world-class education, career services, marketing and research programs, the Association enables PGA Professionals to maximize their performance in their respective career paths and showcases them as experts in the game and in the multi-billion dollar golf industry. By creating and delivering dramatic world-class championships and exciting and enjoyable golf promotions that are viewed as the best of their class in the golf industry, The PGA of America elevates the public's interest in the game, the desire to play more golf, and ensures accessibility to the game for everyone, everywhere. The PGA of America brand represents the very best in golf. Visit [PGA.com](http://PGA.com) or [PlayGolfAmerica.com](http://PlayGolfAmerica.com) to learn more.

The **USGA** is the national governing body of golf in the USA and Mexico. The USGA annually conducts the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, U.S. Senior Open and 10 national amateur championships. It also conducts two state team championships and helps conduct the Walker Cup Match, Curtis Cup Match and World Amateur Team Championships. The USGA also writes the Rules of Golf, conducts equipment testing, provides expert course maintenance consultations, maintains a Handicap System and celebrates the history of the game. Since 1983, the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Program has awarded more than \$31 million to more than 400

research projects for better turf and a better environment at universities across the country. The USGA also funds an ongoing “For the Good of the Game” grants program, which has allocated more than \$65 million over 13 years to programs that bring the game’s values to youths from disadvantaged backgrounds and people with disabilities. For more information about the USGA, visit [usga.org](http://usga.org).

**Folds of Honor Foundation** was founded in May 2007 by Major Dan Rooney, an F-16 Fighter Pilot, PGA Professional, and USGA member. A decorated military pilot in the Oklahoma Air National Guard, Major Rooney has served three combat tours in Iraq. It was after his second tour, while a passenger on a commercial flight, that Major Rooney witnessed an event that would profoundly change his life. As the plane landed, the pilot announced, “Ladies and gentlemen, we have an American hero on board – Corporal Brock Bucklin. And his twin brother, Corporal Brad Bucklin, is accompanying him home from Iraq. As a sign of respect, please remain seated while Corporal Bucklin’s family receives him in his final homecoming.” Major Rooney watched through the window of the plane as the flag-draped casket was lowered. He saw a family waiting for Brock, and a little four-year old boy waiting for his father. This tragic homecoming inspired Major Rooney to create the Folds of Honor Foundation.

**Folds of Honor Foundation** provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation. Patriot Golf Day is the flagship fundraiser for the Folds of Honor Foundation. Patriot Golf Day, jointly supported by The PGA of America and the United States Golf Association, is held each Labor Day Weekend, with the fourth annual Patriot Golf Day scheduled for Sept. 3-6 at participating facilities nationwide. Individuals and companies interested in contributing to the Folds of Honor Foundation, and those applying for scholarships should visit [FoldsofHonor.org](http://FoldsofHonor.org).

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