



2021 WPGA SPECIAL AWARDS WPGA PATRIOT AWARD

Description:

The "WPGA Patriot Award" bestows special recognition on a WPGA Golf Professional, who personifies patriotism through the game of golf and demonstrates unwavering commitment and dedication to the men and women who have valiantly served and protected the United States of America.

Background:

The PGA of America has a long and proud tradition of honoring those who have sacrificed and those who serve in our nation's armed forces. As far back as World War I, when The PGA raised funds to purchase an ambulance for our military, serving those who serve us has been integral to the spirit and mission of our association.

Today, the PGA of America continues its support of our Military through its 501(c) (3) charitable foundation, PGA REACH, and its internal flagship military program, PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere). PGA HOPE introduces golf to Veterans with disabilities to enhance their physical, mental, social, and emotional wellbeing.

The PGA of America is a proud supporter and sponsor of many military and service-based golf programs including Patriot Golf Day and The Folds of Honor Foundation.

Requirements:

- Candidate must be a PGA member in good standing.
- Candidate must be well regarded as a model PGA member.
- Candidate must demonstrate and acknowledge being an individual of outstanding leadership and strong moral character.

Eligibility:

The following persons are ineligible:

- Class "F" or RSV members;

Criteria:

Patriot Award minimum criteria:

- Candidate must currently be a Class A PGA member in good standing as for a minimum of 5 years with at least three years in the WPGA.
- Candidate must have maintained a substantial record of contribution and support to the United States Armed Forces and its Active Duty and Reserved personnel and veterans through PGA HOPE or another supported military/ service-based program.
- Candidate must have displayed proven interest, concern, and ability to provide opportunities and experience for active duty, reservists, and veterans to learn and play golf through PGA HOPE or another supported military/ service-based program.
- Candidate must have shown an ability to inspire fellow PGA members with an emphasis in the area of service to the military through PGA HOPE or another supported military/ service-based program.
- Candidate must have maintained a continual record of service, promotion of the game of golf and proven interest and ability to provide opportunities and experiences for military personnel to learn, play and participate in the game through PGA HOPE or another supported military/ service-based program.

Guidelines for Selection:

The candidate will be considered on the basis of the following:

1. The overall contribution to programs and events including, but not limited to, PGA HOPE, Patriot Golf Day, Folds of Honor Foundation, Disabled Sports USA, and Salute Military Golf Association.
 - a. Preference will be given to applicants involved in PGA Sponsored initiatives such as PGA HOPE and Patriot Golf Day.
2. The overall involvement in the promotion and development of targeted golf programs at the club, Section and National levels, as well as within the community for military personnel and veterans;

3. The active support and contribution of the Armed Forces and veterans through community activities at-large;
4. Overall integrity and recognition as a person of outstanding character by PGA Professionals and leaders within the community;
5. Other contributions provided to the WPGA.

*Please type responses on a separate sheet of paper. No more than five pages may be submitted including any pictures. Please forward in a pdf file format. Cover pages are not necessary and do not enhance your chances of winning.

**Please follow the format and answer each question in order. The committee will be judging each question separately. On the following page, you'll see each question is assigned a points total. That is how your responses will be weighted against other candidates.

WPGA PATRIOT AWARD CANDIDATE FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

Member Number: _____

Facility Name: _____

Facility Address: _____

Facility City, State, Zip: _____

Facility Phone Number: _____

Candidate mobile Phone: _____

Candidate e-mail Address: _____

Number of Military Personnel Impacted: _____

1. Please describe your involvement in the promotion and development of targeted player development golf programs and events (PGA HOPE or Patriot Golf Day) at the facility level and within the community for military personnel and veterans. (3 pts)
2. Please describe your image, service and leadership in the area of support for the military, its personnel and veterans. (3 pts)
3. Please describe how you inspire fellow PGA Professional in his/her support and contributions to the Armed Forces. (3 pts)
4. Please provide any additional information regarding you and your contributions relevant to The Patriot Award including fundraising. (3 pts)

Total Possible Points: 12 points

By submitting this form, I attest that the information contained herein is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

Submission Deadline: December 3, 2020

Forms should be emailed to jstadler@pgahq.com when completed.