

GET TO KNOW THE PRO

AWARD – PATRIOT AWARD

RECIPIENT – JAMIE CHRISTIANSON

EMPLOYER – HORSESHOE BAY GOLF CLUB

ELECTED TO PGA MEMBERSHIP – 2013

Hometown – Park Falls, WI

Current Residence – Egg Harbor, WI

Awards

2017 Southern Texas PGA Patriot Award

One noteworthy item that stood out from his award application – Helped establish a 501c3 foundation for the sole purpose of supporting veterans and their families, Pars for Patriots. The foundation has raised significant funds for the K9 for Warriors, Folds of Honor and Adopt-A-Soldier foundations over the past ten years. His passion and commitment have been unwavering, as he has fundraised and made a difference while working in Oklahoma, Texas and now Wisconsin.

Important past work experiences

Paradise Valley Country Club in Arizona

Gaillardia Country Club in Oklahoma

The TwinEagles Club in Florida

Miramont Country Club in Texas

Best piece of advice I have been given – Be true to yourself. Others will try to stop progress when they fear new ideas are better than their own.

How were you introduced to the game of golf and where did you learn to play? – My father taught me how to play. I started playing at the age of 3. I learned to play golf at Park Falls Country Club, in Park Falls, Wisconsin.

Biggest hope for the golf industry – More understanding of what the golf professional does and the true time commitment that we put in to become quality golf professionals. I hope the game continues to grow with quality golf professionals, that can understand that commitment, as they progress through their own careers. I also hope there is an adjustment in our views. That we truly look at ourselves as golf professionals and ask if we are fully committed to our craft. Continually asking how we can better ourselves and better the ones around us.

Favorite way to spend free time – With my family.

The best homecooked meal is – Anything that comes from the grill.

Favorite place to hang out in Wisconsin – Door County, for those of you that have been there you understand. For those of you that haven't been there, don't come, we are full.

What are you most looking forward to in 2023 - personally or professionally? I always look forward to our competitions and seeing other golf professionals around the state. I am also looking forward to my returning staff and their ongoing development in this industry. To watch their growth, as I have a few staff members that will be going south next winter. It's always exciting to see what they have learned and hear about what they implemented at the courses they worked at.

Comments or Thoughts – What does this award mean to you? “Coming from a family with a heavy military background and working with Major Ed Pulido and Toni Biata from Folds of Honor, to get a clear understanding of what needs to be done to help veterans and their families is eye opening. I would say you don't truly understand what this award means until you are able to sit down with a wife who lost her husband in battle. To be able to speak with kids that lost their mom or dad and see them receive a scholarship that allows them to go to school. What a dog does for a veteran and the comfort they can bring to someone with PTSD is eye opening. To be able to help in a small way and bring comfort to those veterans and their families is truly what this award means to me. I didn't sign up for military service, it is our civic duty to help and hold up the ones that went off and fought and continue to fight for the freedom we are provided every day.”

