



PITTSBURGH STEELERS ALUMNI GOLF OUTING
benefiting
Golf Supports Our Troops

A PITTSBURGH STEELERS ALUMNI GOLF OUTING to benefit Golf Supports Our Troops, a 501 (c)3 Charity, www.golfsupportsourtroops.org, will be held Friday morning, September 11, at Pittsburgh's prestigious Field Club, www.fieldclub.org. There's an 8:30 a.m. shot-gun start followed by an Awards Luncheon at the Club. Each foursome will be joined by a former Pittsburgh Steelers player. Pittsburgher Maurice W. Gable, Golf Supports consultant, is producing the golf outing. Tickets are \$750, which includes the 9-11 WE WILL NEVER FORGET Dinner Event that night at Heinz Field's East Club.

Golf Supports Our Troops was founded three years ago by Brian Coleman, a retired financial printing executive of Madison, NJ and Bradenton, FL, who is an avid golfer. Mr. Coleman became acutely aware of the unprecedented numbers of Iraq/Afghanistan war casualties coming back maimed to the country's military and VA hospitals because of America's advanced medical knowledge and practice in the war zones. He inquired about the feasibility of providing golf therapy equipment for the wounded veterans to use, whether they ever previously played golf or not. Informed it would be a help, Mr. Coleman went through the rigors of finding a way to donate the free equipment. After a lengthily maze of paperwork and phone calls, he managed to get a green light. Today, there are 34 VA Hospitals and Army Medical Centers using golf training and exercise equipment. Mr. Coleman and his wife Nancy hope to donate equipment to rehabilitation departments in at least one hundred military and VA hospitals over the next two years. The Colemans fund the Charity completely by themselves. No one receives a salary; 100% of its net proceeds go to help wounded and disabled veterans as well as military units serving overseas.

Golf Supports raises money by selling military golf accessories on its website and on Amazon; and by having golf outing fundraisers, such as the PITTSBURGH STEELERS ALUMNI GOLF OUTING. Its initial golf outing took place in September 2008 at the Ridgewood Country Club, just two weeks after the PGA Tour's Barclays Classic took place there. Mr. Coleman arranged for eight wounded vets from Walter Reed Army Medical Center to participate. They were the hit of the outing. Mr. Coleman is inviting wounded vets from the Butler VA Hospital to participate in the Steelers Alumni Outing.

In March, the Colemans hosted 30 disabled vets from the Tampa VA Hospital at the opening round of the PGA Tour's Arnold Palmer Invitational. Mr. Palmer and his tournament committee made it a special day for the veterans. Jack Nicklaus invited Mr. Coleman to bring disabled vets to the PGA Tour Memorial Tournament the first week in June. Over 50 veterans from the Columbus, Ohio VA Hospital took advantage of the opportunity. In both cases, Golf Supports Our Troops paid all expenses except the tickets which were donated by Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. Golf Supports now also furnishes golf equipment to the war zones for the troops to use for recreation.

Mr. Gable is best known in the Pittsburgh area, as writer of the original screenplay for FIGHTING BACK, the movie about Rocky Bleier's comeback from severely wounded war casualty, to Super Bowl running back. Mr. Gable then produced the movie with Mary Tyler Moore Enterprises.