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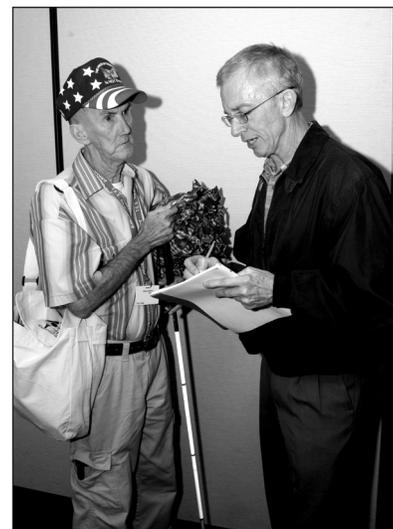
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Tell us your war stories

by Debbie Ladwig, VA Central Office

Have your military experiences recorded and become a permanent part of history. The Library of Congress started the Veterans History Project in 2000 to tape, store, and make veterans stories available to researchers and future generations. As part of this important effort, Chris Scheer and Jonathan Badrian, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, are here to video your tales. Come to the Hampton Inn, Room 211, and tell them about your experiences. It will only take 20 to 30 minutes of your time for them to video your story and preserve it for time. And wait – there's more. As a bonus, they will give you a DVD video of your session for you to share with your family and friends.



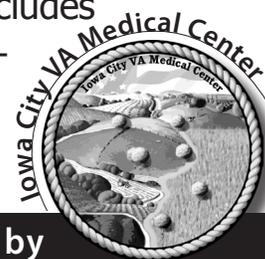
Teddy Hale schedules an appointment with Chris Scheer for the Veterans History Project

Give program changes the lives of our patients

by Richard Beam, Long Beach VA Medical Center

Everyday, the definition of health care changes as new procedures find their way into medicine, and old ways find their way out. But what will never change is the easiest to overlook, the patient! The Iowa City VA Medical Center has set a gold standard in finding ways to change lives not only with the tools science has created but in caring for its patients without stepping inside the VA to do it.

The Golf for Injured Veterans Everywhere (GIVE) program began in August of 2007 and is meant to help heal wounds that cannot be seen. GIVE was created as the brain child of Kirt Sickels, Public Affairs Officer of the Iowa City VA Medical Center and Lou King, past National President for the Pro Golf Association (PGA). GIVE is designed to help any VA patient, man or woman, who could benefit from anything golfing with a bunch of buddies can bring. To date, over 78 participants with traumatic brain injury, post traumatic stress disorder or amputees have participated in GIVE. Sessions includes guidance on etiquette, rules and a swing studio. Completely funded without any tax payer money, the program is a collaboration that includes the Iowa Section of the PGA, the Iowa City



September 9, 2008

Hosted by



The Menu

Tuesday Lunch

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- BBQ pork on bun
- Pasta salad
- Green bean casserole
- Dessert
- Iced tea; lemonade

OR Baked potato bar for companions at Holiday Inn

Tuesday Dinner

5 to 7 p.m.

- Rotisserie Chicken
- Potato salad
- Baked beans
- Assorted cookies
- Coffee; iced tea; lemonade

Wednesday Breakfast

6 - 7:30 a.m.

- Bananas/oranges
- Corn flakes; bran flakes; Rice Krispies
- Scrambled eggs
- Bacon
- Biscuits and gravy
- Breakfast potatoes
- Assorted pastries
- Assorted juices
- Milk and coffee

Special events scheduled for companions

by Sandy Franks, Shreveport VA Medical Center

While the veterans and buddies are golfing, the TEE Tournament organizers have some great activities planned for companions.

Tuesday's activities begin at the host hotel with a welcome meeting in Kinnick A & B meeting rooms then work on centerpieces for Thursday's banquet. Lunch, provided by the hotel, is at 11 a.m. An afternoon trip is planned to Kalona, Iowa, where participants will enjoy a view of Amish life. Plan to board the bus by 12:15 and return to the host hotel around 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday features an all-day trip to Rock Island, Illinois. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. The first stop is shopping in the Village of East Davenport. After a theatrical performance at Circa 21 and lunch, the bus will depart for the Moose Lodge. Please note, the bus will not return to the hotel after the trip to Rock Island but will go directly to the Moose Lodge for dinner.

Thursday brings a bus trip to West Branch, Iowa with departure at 8:15 a.m. Participants will tour the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum and the "Children in the White House: Caroline Kennedy's Dolls and More" exhibit. At 11:30 a.m. the bus will depart for Solon, Iowa and lunch at the Red Hat Café. At 1:00 p.m. the bus will depart for Iowa City. You may request to be dropped off at the Coral Ridge Mall or return to the hotel. For those who wish to shop at the mall, transportation back to the hotel will be provided later in the afternoon. Decorating for the banquet will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Welcome and enjoy your visit.



Margaret and Walter Bilik look forward to this week's activities

Your feature course:

Blue Top Ridge Golf Course at Riverside



Hole #8, "Progressive" -- Par 5, 563 yards

Blue Top Ridge Golf Course designed by Rees Jones, a designer of more than 100 championship courses, is an 18-hole, par 72 course with an old, classic look. It's built for the modern game and will make any golfer feel like a champion.

Spanning over 7,500 yards, Blue Top's world-class golf course offers players breathtaking vistas overlooking two rivers, man-made

lakes and diverse terrain. It all adds up to a one-of-a-kind golfing experience for beginners and pros alike.

Course details:

ORANGE - 77.2/ 141 (Total yardage 7505)

PURPLE - 74.7/ 138 (Total yardage 7025)

BLACK - 71.8/ 137 (Total yardage 6457)

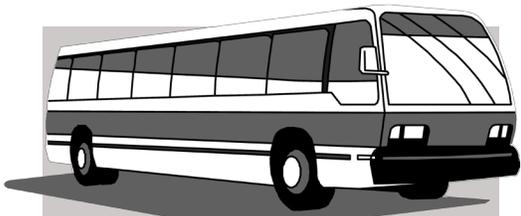
GREEN - 68.6/ 125 (Total yardage 5789)

RED - 65.9 / 123 (Total yardage 5191)



Midnight Ringers Strike Again by Debbie Ladwig, VA Central Office

Come join the Midnight Ringers in the third year of the Tee Tournament's Horseshoe event. This year there will be 88 participants itching to get those three-point ringers. The local horseshoe club, the "Iowa City Ringers" are here to lead the event and supply the rules, teach and provide a scoring system. We are honored to have Edward Simmons with us again, especially after winning this year's National Blinded Horseshoe contest in Florida. Just to get you up to speed on the scoring – a ringer is worth three points, a horseshoe length from the stake is worth two points, and landing in the pit earns one point. So come out and cheer the Midnight Ringers as they listen for the "sound" from the pit, wind up and throw for that ringer.



Bus Schedule

NOTE: Each team has the same bus all day to go golf courses.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

7:30 a.m. - **All** teams load buses

4:45 to 5:30 p.m.-
Buses load every 15 minutes for trip to City Park for horseshoes

Wednesday, Sept. 10

7:30 a.m. - Blue and Black teams load buses

8 a.m. - Yellow and Red team load buses

4:30, 4:45, and 5 p.m.
Buses load for trip to dinner (use any bus)

6:15 p.m.- Buses start loading to go back to Holiday Inn Conference Center every 15 minutes

Schedule of Activities

Tuesday -- September 9

6 to 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Holiday Inn Conference Center

8 to 11 a.m. Red Team at Pleasant Valley Driving Range
Yellow Team at Quail Creek Driving Range
Blue Team at Blue Top Golf Course
Black Team at Lake MacBride Golf Course

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Companions' Welcome Meeting and Lunch at Kinnick Ballroom, Holiday Inn Conf. Center, Trip to Kalona, Iowa

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Red Team at Lake MacBride Golf Course
Yellow Team at Quail Creek Golf Course
Blue Team at Blue Top Driving Range Clinic
Black Team at Quail Creek Driving Range

5 to 8 p.m. Horseshoes at City Park

5:30 to 7 p.m. Dinner at City Park

Wednesday -- September 10

6 to 7:30 a.m. Breakfast at Holiday Inn Conference Center

8 to 11 a.m. Red Team at Colonial Lanes Bowling
(Lunch at Lake MacBride Golf Course)

Yellow Team at Colonial Lanes Bowling
(Lunch at Quail Creek Golf Course)

Blue Team at Blue Top Golf Course

Black Team at Lake MacBride Golf Course

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Companions' Day trip to Quad Cities; Lunch provided; Load bus at Main Entrance of Holiday Inn Conference Center

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Red Team at Lake MacBride Golf Course
Yellow Team at Quail Creek Golf Course
Blue Team at Colonial Lanes Bowling
Black Team at Colonial Lanes Bowling

5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Moose Lodge

7 to 9 p.m. Casino Night at Holiday Inn Conference Center



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