

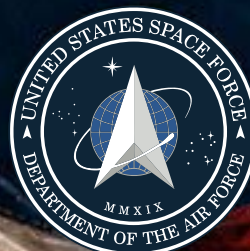
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19th Annual

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A collage of 15 photographs capturing various moments from a golf tournament. The images show spectators, players on the course, a dog in a golf cart, a group photo, a golfer celebrating, a couple posing, a golfer teeing off, two players shaking hands, a golfer swinging, children painting, and a group of people on the green.





Our Story

The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation (TXWWF) was founded in 2007 after retired Senior PGA Tour professional Dick Goetz met retired Navy Lieutenant Commander and PGA professional Ron Nash during a golf tournament in Dallas. Prior to that meeting, Goetz had spent time at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, working with severely wounded service members on the driving range and witnessing firsthand the positive impact golf could have during recovery. His simple goal was to help take their minds off the life-altering challenges they were facing, even if only for a few moments.

Inspired by that experience, Goetz and Nash envisioned creating opportunities for wounded warriors to connect, heal, and find encouragement through the game of golf. Their shared vision led to the creation of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation.

In 2008, TXWWF hosted its first Pro-Am event with seven wounded warriors from Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. What began as a single golf outing quickly grew into a statewide organization dedicated to serving wounded veterans and their families throughout Texas. Today, TXWWF hosts golf programs in Amarillo, Dallas, Fort Worth, Horseshoe Bay, and Tyler, regularly welcoming dozens of warriors to each event. Many programs now include activities and wellness opportunities for spouses and caregivers, recognizing the vital role families play in the healing journey.

Beyond golf, the Foundation hosts retreats focused on spiritual growth, wellness, and family connection. These events provide warriors and their loved

ones with opportunities to build friendships, share experiences, and strengthen support networks. Military leaders, entertainers, and community partners from across the nation have contributed their time and talents to make these experiences meaningful and impactful.

One of the most memorable traditions occurs when warriors visit a local school and are greeted by students waving American flags. These heartfelt expressions of gratitude often leave a lasting impression on the veterans who attend.

Since its founding, TXWWF has raised millions of dollars to support wounded warriors and their families and has positively impacted the lives of more than 1,000 veterans through financial assistance, wellness initiatives, retreats, family events, and recreational programs. While helping meet immediate needs is important, the Foundation’s greater mission is to foster healing, resilience, hope, and connection among those who have sacrificed for our nation.

Today, the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation proudly continues its commitment to honoring service, supporting recovery, and ensuring that no wounded warrior walks the path of healing alone.

The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.



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Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom

In 2026, our nation reaches an extraordinary milestone as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. For two and a half centuries, America has stood as a beacon of freedom, opportunity, resilience, and hope. This historic occasion is more than a celebration of our country's founding; it is a time to reflect on the countless men and women whose courage and sacrifice have preserved the liberties we enjoy today.

Since the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, generations of Americans have answered the call to defend our nation. Through times of peace and conflict, our service members have stood ready to protect the ideals upon which America was built: liberty, justice, and the enduring belief that freedom is worth defending. Their commitment has safeguarded not only our nation's borders but also the principles that unite us as Americans.

At the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation, this anniversary carries special meaning. Every day, we have the privilege of serving wounded veterans whose sacrifices have helped preserve the freedoms we often take for granted. While our nation celebrates 250 years of independence, we are reminded that freedom has never come without sacrifice. Many of the warriors we serve continue to overcome the physical, emotional, and financial challenges that accompany their service long after they return home.

America's 250th birthday is also an opportunity to honor the families who have stood beside our military heroes through every deployment, challenge, and homecoming. Their unwavering strength, resilience, and support are an essential part of our nation's military story and deserve our deepest gratitude.

As we commemorate this historic anniversary, we encourage every American to pause and reflect on the blessings of living in a free nation and to remember those who have defended that freedom throughout our history. Let this celebration inspire renewed appreciation for our veterans, active-duty service members, first responders, and all who continue to serve our communities and country with honor.

The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation remains committed to ensuring that the sacrifices of our wounded veterans are never forgotten. Through therapeutic programs, financial assistance, family support, and opportunities that foster healing and connection, we strive to honor their service not only on patriotic holidays but every day of the year.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, let us do so with grateful hearts, remembering that the strength of our nation has always been found in the character of its people and in the selfless service of those willing to defend it. Together, we honor our past, support those who have carried the burden of protecting our freedoms, and look with confidence toward the future of this great nation.

Thank you to every warrior whose sacrifice has helped make these 250 years of freedom possible.

Happy 250th Birthday, America!

Letter FROM THE CHAIRMAN



As we reflect on the past year, I continue to be inspired by the strength, resilience, and unwavering spirit of the warriors and families we are honored to serve through the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation. Serving as Chairman and President of this incredible organization has only deepened my appreciation for the sacrifices made by our nation's veterans and reinforced the importance of standing beside them long after their military service has ended.

This past year was one of tremendous impact and meaningful connection. Through the generosity of our supporters, partners, and volunteers, we were able to expand programs that provide healing, camaraderie, and immediate assistance to wounded veterans and their families across Texas. From family-centered weekends and recreational programs to emergency support and wellness initiatives, we witnessed firsthand the life-changing difference that compassion and community can make.

We also celebrated the power of partnership throughout the year. Our events and collaborations brought together individuals, businesses, and organizations united by a shared commitment to honoring those who have sacrificed for our freedom. Because of this support, we continue to strengthen our mission and reach even more warriors in need.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we do so with optimism, determination, and a renewed sense of purpose. The needs of our veteran community continue to evolve, and the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation remains committed to evolving alongside them. We are focused on the quality of our programs, expanding opportunities for family involvement, securing immediate support resources, and continuing to create experiences that foster healing, hope, and lasting connections.

We are also excited about the future of several new and expanding initiatives that will allow us to serve warriors and their families in even more meaningful ways. Every step forward is made possible because of the continued support of people like you who believe in our mission and understand the importance of ensuring that no warrior is ever left behind.



I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the dedicated members of our Board of Directors for their continued leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to the mission of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation. Their passion for serving our nation's veterans plays a vital role in the impact we make each year. Together, we remain committed to strengthening this Foundation, expanding our reach, and ensuring that our warriors and their families continue to receive the support, care, and opportunities they deserve for generations to come.

The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation will continue to stand as a source of strength, support, and hope for our veterans and their families. Together, we can continue making a lasting difference in the lives of those who have sacrificed so much for our country.

With respect and gratitude,
Ray Griffiss
US Army Veteran
Chairman & President

To Honor and Remember

Walter Rainwater

A Valued Friend of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation

Walter Rainwater was born on January 6, 1936, in Fort Worth. He earned both his Bachelor of Arts (1958) and Master of Arts (1967) degrees in Physics from Texas Christian University, and just a few weeks ago, Walter accepted an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from TCU in recognition of his remarkable career and contributions.

For more than five decades, Walter worked as a nuclear engineer and researcher with General Dynamics and LTV Aerospace. During his distinguished career, he contributed to advanced aerospace and defense initiatives, including research involving nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and collaborative work with NASA.

Following his retirement, Walter pursued a new calling in education. At the age of 74, he earned an alternative teaching certification in middle school mathematics and went on to teach sixth-grade math at Morningside Middle School after interviewing at ten schools across Fort Worth Independent School District. This decision reflected his deep belief that education is fundamental to opportunity and social responsibility.

Walter was compassionate, brilliant, hardworking, witty, and deeply caring. He cared profoundly about children, teachers, and everyone dedicated to helping young people thrive. His generosity, leadership, and vision have left a lasting mark on countless lives and institutions. Those who had the privilege of working closely with Walter over the years experienced firsthand his wisdom, humor, and unwavering commitment to expanding opportunities for others. He embodied a lifelong dedication to education, service, and the common good, and we are profoundly grateful for his life and legacy.

Because of the Rainwater Charitable Foundation, the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation has been able to get many wounded veterans interested in learning golf. Through golf instruction, learning rules and etiquette, they have turned their attention towards new skills that they can apply. The financial support Walter made available to us has helped our organization open new areas for instruction, add more tournament sites and opportunities for competition among the veterans.

Never are there enough words of appreciation that can be said of Walter's generosity, kindness, and interest towards the number of people who have been helped.



To Honor and Remember

Bob Goetz

Honorary Board Member



On June 3, 2026, Bob Goetz had the best day of his life! On that day he made his trip to be home with the Lord who he loved and served his entire life. Bob was born in Lynn, Massachusetts on December 28, 1932. He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer and Teresa Goetz and sister, Sue Moeller. He is also survived by his brothers, Jack and Dick Goetz, both Texas Wounded Warrior Board Members.

He saw his first golf course when he was 5 years old and it made a lasting impression on him. When the Goetz family moved to Wichita, Kansas, Bob's days were filled with going to school and either playing golf or caddying for local members at Meadowlark Golf Course. In 1951, he caddied for the legendary Ben Hogan who was in Wichita for an exhibition.

When Coach Labron Harris, Sr. saw Bob play, he wanted him to be a definite member of the Oklahoma State University Golf Team and to receive a scholarship. The Navy interrupted his studies for two years but he returned to OSU and continued his college career where he had an enviable match play career of 52-2.

He joined the PGA Tour after graduation and spent three years chasing his dream until retiring from the tour full time and becoming the Head Golf Professional at Pine Crest Country Club in Longview, Texas. In 1976 he got the job of a

lifetime – Head Golf Professional at Preston Trail Golf Club in Dallas, TX. Bob loved his time there as the majority of the members of this exclusive all-men's club were from the Greatest Generation who shared his deep love of country and military service. He left his position at Preston Trail in 1992 and retired to Horseshoe Bay, TX.

Because of Bob's influence, we were able to start a Pro-Am Golf event at Escondido Golf Club and raise a substantial amount of funds in support of our Wounded Warriors. Through the help of Buck and Tina Mayers, this has been our most successful annual event.

From the book *The Age of Palmer Pro Golf In The 1960's, It's Greatest Era* by Patrick Hand; this entry was submitted by Chi Chi Rodriguez:

“One of the greatest stories that I can tell you is there was a guy named Bob Goetz. He was a pretty good player. We were playing in St. Paul, Minnesota (and Goetz was in contention). And on the 17th hole, the second day, he shot the ball in the left rough. And he found a ball and he hit it about a foot from the hole. He had that for a birdie. And it was the same number, the same type of ball that he was playing. And he said, “this is not my ball.” What a man, huh? He went on and found his ball and he made a 7. He never won, but he won the respect and admiration of all of us.”



2025-2026 Highlight of Funds

Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation invests directly into programs, experiences, assistance, and opportunities created to serve wounded veterans and their families.

We are honored to continue our mission of supporting the warrior facing an unexpected financial hardship, helping warriors rediscover camaraderie and purpose alongside others who understand their journey, creating opportunities for parents and children to reconnect, and giving families the chance to step away from the challenges of everyday life and simply enjoy being together. Through every program, experience, and act of assistance, we strive to remind our wounded warriors and their families that their service and sacrifice are remembered, their needs matter, and they will never be forgotten.

Highlights of funds expended for the Wounded Warriors:

- \$145,000 — Texas Wounded Warrior Amarillo Pro-Am
- \$94,000 — Immediate Needs & Warrior Support
- \$66,000 — Christian Family Retreat at Rough Creek
- \$52,000 — Texas Wounded Warrior Tyler Pro-Am
- \$40,000 — Texas Wounded Warrior Pro-Am at Escondido Golf Club
- \$35,000 — Annual Warrior/Child Weekend
- \$33,000 — Salute to Veterans at Gentle Creek
- \$25,000 — NTPGA HOPE Cup Sponsorship
- \$21,000 — PGA of America Warrior Fitting Experience
- \$20,000 — UT Tyler Veteran Scholarship
- \$17,000 — Warrior Play Days
- \$15,000 — Texas Wounded Warrior Bowling League & Clinic
- \$12,500 — Veteran Golfers Association Season Sponsorship & Warrior Support
- \$10,000 — Rose City Airfest Support
- \$5,000 — Warrior Support at Patriot PAWS
- \$3,000 — Warrior Golf School – San Antonio
- \$3,000 — Warrior Golf School – DFW

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| 18th Annual Stonebridge Ranch Country Club: Charity Classic
Stonebridge Ranch Country Club
September 11 - 12, 2025 | Warrior Spring Christian Family Retreat
Glen Rose, TX
April 17 - 19, 2026 |
| Tyler Warrior/Spouse Weekend
Tyler, TX
October 4 - 6, 2025 | 2nd Swing Warrior Tour Fitting & PGA of America History Tour
Frisco, TX
May 4 - 5, 2026 |
| Escondido Wounded Warrior Tournament
Escondido Golf & Lake Club
November 3, 2025 | Warrior DFW Bowling Clinic & League
Euless, TX
June 2 - September 8, 2026 |
| Warrior Fall Family Retreat
Glen Rose, TX
November 7 -9, 2025 | Solstice Fore the Soldiers
Mckinney, TX
June 23, 2026 |
| Salute to Veterans Golf Tournament
Gentle Creek Country Club
November 10, 2025 | 10th Anniversary: Amarillo Pro-Am Wounded Warrior Weekend
Amarillo, TX
July 26 - 28, 2026 |
| A Season of Giving
Dallas, TX
November 11, 2025 | 19th Annual Stonebridge Ranch Country Club: Charity Classic
Stonebridge Ranch Country Club
September 11, 2026 |
| 2nd Annual: Warrior - Child Weekend
Dallas - Fort Worth, TX
March 14 - 16, 2026 | Warrior Fall Christian Family Retreat
Glen Rose, TX
October 9 - 11, 2026 |
| Avid Golfer - Texas Golf Expo
Plano, TX
March 20 - 22, 2026 | Salute to Veterans Golf Tournament
Gentle Creek Country Club
November 9, 2026 |
| Avid Golfer - Texas Golf Expo
Houston, TX
April 3 - 4, 2026 | Tyler Warrior/Spouse Weekend
Tyler, TX
November 14 - 16, 2026 |

Warriors' Thank You Letters

"I want to thank you so much for the service you do for veterans and their families. My kids, wife and myself had such a wonderful time on the spring break event. The veteran that I met on the golf course last summer, told me about your events and how well you take care of us and he was not kidding, you put on great events. Too bad about winter returning on Monday, though you conquered that by providing the indoor facility. My family needed this trip. I cannot thank you enough for making my family feel special. I look forward to seeing you again. I will look forward to golfing with you, on a nice day ahead. I'm telling all my wounded warrior buddies about your organization."

-Warrior that attended Spring Break family event

"I would like to sincerely thank you all for the financial assistance and support provided to me and my kids. Your help toward my mortgage and light bills came at a critical time and brought tremendous relief during a difficult period. Your kindness, compassion, and commitment to supporting veterans truly made a meaningful difference in my life. Because of your assistance, I was able to maintain stability for my household while continuing to work toward getting back on my feet."

-Warrior that received assistance through our Immediate Needs program

"What a wonderful time of refreshing! We enjoyed the teaching of Rick Hughes and a special guest Master Chief DEVGRU. His real world testimonies of Jesus were inspiring and nothing like we've ever heard. Enjoyed the camaraderie of our fellow military families, making new friends, and the golf connections at the driving range."

-Warrior that attended a Christian Family Retreat

"Wow..... what a day!!! Thank you all so much for all of your hard work and support in volunteering... We truly could not have done it without your support. We appreciate the team's early arrival, flexibility in stepping into any position where help was needed, and overall communication and teamwork."

- Thank you note to our volunteers received from a tournament host

"I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for the support, guidance, and assistance you provided during one of the hardest periods of my life. Your compassion and willingness to step in made a meaningful difference when I needed it most. The work you do at Texas Wounded Warrior goes far beyond programs and resources—it gives veterans a sense of hope, stability, and community during moments that can feel overwhelming. I am truly grateful for the time, care, and commitment each of you showed, and I will always remember the impact it had on me.

Thank you again for standing by me and for everything you continue to do for veterans across Texas."

-Warrior that received assistance from our Immediate Needs program

Warriors' Thank You Letters

"I just wanted to say thank you for all your help for my family and myself. From helping us with food when we were in a hotel for months, to the financial aid you've supplied getting us into our new home and giving us the chance to stabilize and maintain it. Your help has meant the world to us and has reunited us with our child. These last 4 months have been the hardest of our lives while we tried to transition to the civilian world and we could not have done it without you."

-Warrior that received assistance from our Immediate Needs program

"That is really something special. The Foundation is so good to us Veterans."

-Warrior feedback regarding the introduction of the new bowling league program

"I want to express my deepest and most sincere gratitude to each of you for the emergency financial assistance provided to my family. What you did for us was extraordinary — not just because of the help itself, but because of the speed and care with which it was delivered.

In over 11 years of military service and everything that has come after, I have never experienced an organization respond the way Texas Wounded Warrior did. Within a single day, you turned what felt like an insurmountable wall into something we could actually get through. That kind of responsiveness isn't just efficient — it's compassionate, and it made all the difference.

Our family has been navigating a difficult season — multiple emergency situations colliding at once, compounded by a reduction in income. There were moments when I wasn't sure how we were going to hold it together. Your organization stepped in without hesitation and gave us the breathing room we needed to stabilize and keep moving forward.

I carry a deep belief that those who served shouldn't have to fight alone on the home front. Texas Wounded Warrior lives that belief out in a real and tangible way, and I am profoundly grateful to be on the receiving end of that mission.

Thank you for what you do, for why you do it, and for treating my family with such dignity and urgency when we needed it most."

-Warrior that received assistance from our Immediate Needs program

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The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF), a nonprofit organization that unites the insurance industry's collective resources to strengthen communities through grants, volunteer service, and leadership, awarded the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation (TXWWF) a \$20,000 grant on April 14, 2026. IICF is committed to reinvesting funds locally, supporting hundreds of charities and nonprofit organizations to maximize positive community impact.

have the basic necessities of life: shelter, food, clothing, and reliable access to utilities. These fundamental needs form the cornerstone of TXWWF's commitment to those who have served our nation.

Through the continued generosity of partners like IICF, TXWWF is able to fulfill its mission of supporting warriors in their time of need, offering stability, dignity, and hope for a brighter future.

IMPACT OF THE GRANT

In 2026, TXWWF utilized the grant to address the urgent and ongoing needs of wounded veterans and their families. To date, the foundation has distributed more than \$40,000 in assistance, providing critical support in the following areas:

- Rent and mortgage assistance, provided in excess of \$29,000 in rental and mortgage payments for 19 veteran families in financial distress.
- Payment of utility bills, paid the utility bills for 11 veteran families totaling \$4000 ensuring homes remained safe and functional
- Essential home repairs, shared repairs with Habitat for Humanity for installation of HVAC unit for a disabled veteran.
- Gift cards for food, clothing, and transportation costs in excess of \$5000

The grant was presented during an event that celebrated the achievements of nonprofit organizations working tirelessly to improve lives. TXWWF was among many nonprofit organizations honored at the gathering, which brought together nonprofit leaders, board members, and community partners to recognize the vital services provided by each of the recipients.

The core mission of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation is to ensure that veterans and their families

In addition to expressing our gratitude to the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation for their generous support in providing assistance in advancing our mission to positively impact the lives of wounded warriors and their families, the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation extends a sincere and heartfelt thank you to Board Member Ron Nash and his wife, Patty. Their unwavering dedication and countless hours spent preparing the necessary documentation were instrumental in making this opportunity possible.

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Some legacies are measured not by what is received, but by what is given. The Richard and Madeline Lewis Scholarship stands as a shining example of how generosity, vision, and a shared commitment to our nation's veterans can create opportunities that last for generations.

More than a decade ago, Eagle's Bluff Country Club residents Richard and Madeline Lewis established a scholarship at The University of Texas at Tyler with a heartfelt mission: to assist wounded warriors and veterans in their pursuit of higher education. Understanding that the transition from military service to civilian life often comes with unique challenges, they envisioned a program that would help deserving veterans achieve their academic goals and build successful futures.

From the beginning, the scholarship received strong support from the Eagle's Bluff community. Through the efforts of the Dew Boys and the leadership of Richard Lewis, funds were raised to help establish and strengthen the scholarship. Their generosity reflected a shared belief that investing in education is one of the most meaningful ways to honor those who have served our country.

That same spirit of service led to a partnership with the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation. Upon learning of the scholarship's mission, the Foundation recognized the tremendous impact it could have on wounded veterans seeking to further their education. Since then, the Foundation has proudly joined in supporting the scholarship and helping expand its reach.

Together, the Dew Boys and the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation have helped provide financial assistance to veterans pursuing degrees at The

University of Texas at Tyler, opening doors to new careers, personal growth, and future success.

In 2025, that commitment continued with an additional \$20,000 contribution to the Richard and Madeline Lewis Scholarship Fund. This gift represents far more than financial support. It is an investment in the future of wounded warriors and veterans who have already sacrificed so much in service to our nation.

The impact of the scholarship extends well beyond tuition assistance. Every recipient represents a story of perseverance, determination, and hope. Through education, these veterans gain the tools and confidence to pursue new opportunities, support their families, and continue making meaningful contributions to their communities.

The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation is honored to contribute to this important mission and stand alongside all those who have supported the Richard and Madeline Lewis Scholarship through the years. Through the vision of Richard and Madeline Lewis, the dedication of the Dew Boys, and the continued support of the Foundation, this scholarship remains a lasting tribute to service, sacrifice, and the power of education to change lives.

Senior Airman Craig Dowd, US Air Force

Golf was not big in my area when I was growing up. It was baseball and bowling that I spent the majority of my younger years playing. In my later teenage years, I started to really act out and was going down a really bad road. One of my best friends from high school talked me into joining the Air Force on the Buddy Program. So, after being out of high school for 2 years, I decided to join the Air Force right after my 20th birthday.



I went into the military in February of '96. There I became a part of the Civil Engineers as a Utilities System Apprentice. After completing my tech school at Sheppard, AFB, I started my journey in Guam at Anderson, AFB. Let me tell you that this place was absolutely amazing! Meeting the locals and getting to learn their culture was something that truly enriched my life!

I got the honor to deploy to Palau, to provide relief to the locals on the island, after their main bridge collapsed between the 2 major islands. The collapse took out their water and electric supply that ran across the side of the bridge. We set up ROWPU (reverse osmosis water purification units) units at one of the bays and produced fresh drinking water out of ocean water. We loaded water bladders on the back of dump trucks and it was then distributed to everyone on the island. It was great working hand-in-hand with the Seabees that were stationed on the island.

After my 15 months in Guam, I put in to go to Germany and got my orders. I spent the next 2-1/2 years stationed at Sembach, AFB. I worked at an off-base sewage plant and a water treatment plant on base. There were many opportunities to deploy and I volunteered every time one came up. Deployed over to Incirlik, AFB, Turkey to help out with base repairs after they suffered a massive earthquake. After I returned from the deployment to Turkey, we got deployed again to Aviano, AFB, Italy. We were tasked to build a massive tent city to support the troops headed over to Kosovo for Operation Shining Hope.

Once we finished the tent city, our 100-person Civil Engineering team was deployed to Tirana Albania Airport where we set up another tent city and base camp to house all the troops. This became the bed down area for all the troops headed over the mountain range to support the humanitarian mission to assist Kosovar refugees in Albania and Macedonia during the 1999 Kosovo crisis.



Once my 2-1/2 years were done in Germany, I decided to head back to the states and got stationed at McChord, AFB in Washington State. This is where golf started to become a really big part of my life. My Staff Sargent came to me one day and told me that he needed someone to play golf with a few times a week. So, we proceeded to go to Big 5 and he purchased a full set of clubs and shoes for me. He taught me how to play and it has now turned into 26 years of falling in love with this sport. Golf has brought me so much joy and its own share of frustrations lol. I have made some amazing friends and memories from traveling around playing this wonderful game. It led me to the Veterans Golf Association which in turn, introduced me to the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation.

This is where my life was changed! This organization has literally helped save my life and brought a happiness back into my life that I had lost! Being a part of all of the special events that they hold and getting to know so many more like minded Veterans, has been a true blessing from God. I was able to get my son completely involved in the organization as well and it has brought him and I closer together. Having

this to share with him multiple times a year gives us some very much needed father and son time. I thank God everyday that he brought Ray, Tara, Austin, and Dylan Griffiss, Dick, Gail, and Jack Goetz into our lives! There are so many others that have made a true impact on me as well. When I was down on my luck and struggling, many of the leadership reached out and not only helped out financially, they helped out mentally and emotionally. I truly am blessed to also have people like Reggie Bartley, Rich & Sheri Bolin, Bob Goode, Freddie Fedorick, Jason Hudson & Susan, Chris Tascione; Sidney Tascione, Chris Stephens, Chris Thielemann and so many more!!! The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation is the best Veterans

organization I have ever been blessed to be a part of and I am truly thankful everyday for all the wonderful blessings God has given me and my son through this amazing organization!!

- Senior Airman Craig A. Dowd, US Air Force



Note from Craig's Son, Grady

When my dad first invited me to go with him to an event for the Texas wounded warriors, I was a little skeptical. It sounded like fun but I didn't know what to think about meeting so many new people. But now that I've been attending these events for the past couple of years, I'm so glad I attended the first event.

I've been able to meet so many great people and had amazing conversations with every person I've had the privilege to meet. This community is full of so many amazing people. I would recommend these events to any veterans out there with or without families, these events are the perfect place to meet new people, make friends, and have fun while doing it.



Thank You to Principle Automotive



The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation extends gratitude to Principle Automotive for their generous donation this past Memorial Day. Their actions to honor those who have sacrificed in service to our nation reflects the true spirit and meaning of this important day. Support from community partners like Principle Automotive allows our foundation to continue providing programs, experiences, and direct assistance to wounded warriors and their families throughout Texas.

Thank you, Principle Auto, for standing alongside us in our mission to Serve. Honor. Support.



Life at Gentle Creek Country Club is defined by the natural beauty of rolling parkland, wooded fairways, and sparkling waters, paired with an exceptional collection of recreational, social, and lifestyle amenities. Members and tournament guests enjoy a welcoming club atmosphere where championship golf, distinctive dining, wellness pursuits, and family-centered experiences come together to create lasting connections and memorable moments throughout the year.



Gentle Creek County Club

Gentle Creek Salutes the Veterans has grown into far more than a fundraiser—it has become a powerful expression of gratitude to the men and women who have served our nation. The Gentle Creek Country Club community has shown, year after year, what it means to stand beside our veterans with generosity, patriotism, and heart. Because of your commitment, more than \$65,000 has been raised over the past five years, directly supporting veterans and families facing some of life’s toughest challenges. Your contributions have provided not just financial relief, but hope, dignity, and the reassurance that their sacrifices are honored.

Since the first tournament in 2020, this event has continued to grow in purpose and impact. Last year’s tournament alone generated more than \$25,000, allowing the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation to respond to a 30% surge in requests for assistance.

Thanks to your unwavering support, 16 veteran families were able to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with full tables and full hearts. These moments—these reminders that they are not forgotten—are the true measure of your generosity.

As we look toward the 2026 event, we do so with deep gratitude and renewed inspiration. Each year, you prove that a community united in purpose can change lives. With your continued support, we believe this will be the most impactful Gentle Creek Salutes the Veterans event yet. Our Texas veterans and their families feel your kindness, your respect, and your belief in them—and they thank you.

Together, we are not just raising funds. We are lifting spirits, honoring service, and building a legacy of compassion that will endure.





The Future is Bright in the Texas Panhandle!

Many of you have heard my story. Thirteen years ago, I attended a TXWWF Pro- Am, in Tyler, which forever changed my life. My pro that day was Richard (Dick) Goetz, founder and then chairman of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation. Like so many of you, I never gave much thought to what happens to the brave men and women who serve this great nation, after they leave the military service. I was busy forging my way with blinders on. Thinking only of the opportunities that best served myself and my family. Living in my own little world. It changed that day. Dick and I stayed in touch and became good friends, as he educated me of the real purpose the golf events held. It's so much more than golf! The golf provided a vehicle for warriors to share their stories with other warriors and exchange ideas on how to cope with what they had seen and lived through in their service to our nation. As I left the golf course and headed back to Amarillo, tears ran down my face for what I had witnessed that day. It wasn't the golf scramble. I'd played in hundreds of tournaments. It was something much more. I had been among America's best! They didn't ask me for money, a job or anything for themselves. In fact, it was quite the opposite. For five hours I was thanked for my support and for just showing up to play a game of golf.

I told my wife, Sandy, about every story and warrior I'd met and how I needed to bring their story to the panhandle. After talking about it for three years, Alan Coe, the Head Professional at Tascosa Golf Club, convinced me I could duplicate the Pro-Am from Tyler in Amarillo. With his help, my whole family's support, PGA golf professionals from around the area and the Amarillo community, we started with a modest 18 team event. Warriors from all over the state came to support and participate in our Pro-Am.

People often ask, "what does Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation actually do?" Our mission statement says, "we help military veterans with needs in transitioning to civilian life". Golf is therapy. Helping rehabilitating service men and women recover from injuries sustained while serving. That's what started it all. We're much more than that. We provide financial aid in many ways. It may be to pay an electric bill, perhaps a down payment for a house, or a power wheelchair or a vehicle to transport the wheelchair. I've seen all that and more. TWWF provides spiritual and family retreats annually. Almost anything we can do to hold the family unit together and grow stronger.

We will soon hold our 10th Anniversary event, July 26th-28th. The one-day event has become three days and from 90 total players, pros, and warriors to nearly 350 participants this year. Thank you, is not enough for all the people that have joined our mission. The corporate sponsors that have been with us since we started: Pak a Sak, Ben E Keith, Jorge's, Bar 3, Springhill Suites, as well as Reed Beverage that joined us a few years ago -Thank you! My Family, Sandy, daughters -Kari, Brooke & Ashly, sons-in-law- Jason, Brit & Malcom, Grand children - Jaksen, Jantsen, Jentry, Harper, Jay & Sam, The Weiss Family and all their friends that have helped make this event what it is today -Thank you! Thank you for sharing my dream. I love you all!

Thank you to Greg & Janelle Jennings, Scotty & Lisa Knutson, and of course Alan Coe and staff from TGC, and all the pros around the area for the help and support for these many years. Thank you to the TWWF board for entrusting us with this tournament.

As I assume a lesser role, I look forward to watching this event get better with each new year under the new vision, ideas and leadership of Greg. Greg and Scotty have the same passion for warriors as we do, which is why" the future is bright in the panhandle!"

With heartfelt thanks,
Scot Pike
Board Member - Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation

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The Future is Bright in the Texas Panhandle!

*Meet Scotty and Greg
Our future Amarillo event hosts*

To all of the Wounded Warrior Foundation friends:

My name is Scotty Knutson, this will be my fifth year to proudly be a member of the Wounded Warrior team in Amarillo. The last five years have been very fruitful for us here in Amarillo as our tournament has continued to grow and the community outreach and support for our wounded veterans has never been higher. Amarillo is a great place to live because our residents are just so grateful for the service that our veterans have provided and especially the ones that have been wounded. They turn out every year and support us and it just makes things here awesome to be a part of. We have tremendous sponsorship from local businesses that allow us to provide a truly meaningful event for our warriors. This being our 10th year in existence, shows the unprecedented dedication that Scot Pike has made to this organization and I am just proud to be a part of it. We are truly looking forward to a phenomenal event this year. I believe the future is very bright for our continued success with this tournament as we strive to provide a better and better experience every year for the warriors. I think the coming years offer us great hope and that we have expanded our reach with our local golf courses and our local pros and we have branched out to involve not only the Amarillo community but the Canyon Texas community as well, to continue to make this tournament bigger and bigger. I just try to make this event bigger and better every year. There's no greater joy than seeing the excitement and pleasure that we are able to provide these guys and gals that gave so much for this country. It's just a little something I see is giving back and my way of service to them for serving me.

Sincerely,
Scotty Knutson



Greg Jennings spent 40 years of his career working in the defense industry. He spent 20 years in Fort Worth with General Dynamics and Lockheed Martin, spending most of his time in the F-16 fighter jet program. In 2005 Greg and his family, including Janelle, his wife of 35 years, and their four sons Jacob, Justin, Jared and Jordan, moved to Amarillo. Greg recently retired after 20 years at Bell Helicopter, finishing his career as the Director of Operations. Bell's Amarillo plant assembles the V 22 Osprey aircraft, the AH-1Z Viper attack helicopter and the UH-1Y Venom utility helicopter. Throughout his career, Greg worked closely with many service members, and was excited to be able to spend more time after retirement more directly supporting our Wounded Warriors who dedicate their lives to securing our freedom. Amarillo's 10th anniversary tournament coincides with America's 250th anniversary celebration, making it even more special.

For the short time that I've been involved with Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation, I have been amazed at the generosity of the people in the Texas Panhandle. The Amarillo tournaments have seen tremendous growth under Scot Pike's 10-year leadership, and have been able to contribute more each year to our heroic Wounded Warriors. As I become more involved, I would like to clearly communicate the mission of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation to the Panhandle community to help expand the level of corporate involvement and sponsorship, and continue the expansion and improvement of the Panhandle golf tournaments. Once again, I am very excited to become more involved with this organization and the great cause they support.

- Greg Jennings

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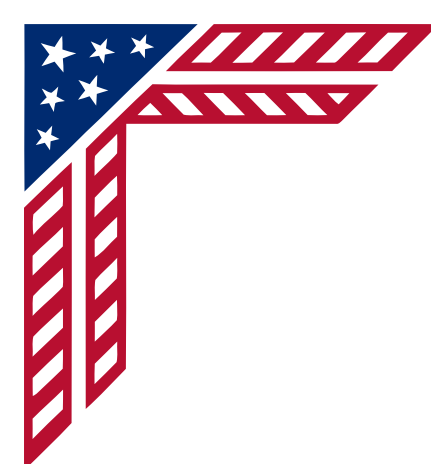
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I'm honored to write this letter in strong support of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation and the extraordinary impact it continues to have on veterans and their families across the state of Texas.

Since its inception in Amarillo in 2017, the annual TWWF golf tournament, founded by Scot Pike and Alan Coe, PGA Head Professional at Tascosa Golf Club, has grown from a modest local effort into the foundation's largest annual fundraiser. What began with 18 teams, 54 amateur players, 18 PGA professionals, and 18 warriors raised an impressive \$54,000 in its first year alone.

Most recently, the Amarillo effort included three events held at Tascosa Golf Club, Palo Duro Creek, and a dedicated Warrior-only tournament at Ross Rogers. With 80 teams participating across these events, the 2025 tournaments raised an outstanding \$232,000. To date, the Amarillo community has helped generate more than \$1.5 million in support of TWWF's mission.

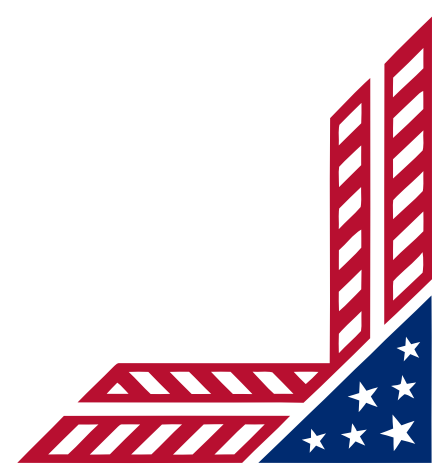
The mission is both vital and deeply meaningful: to bridge the gap between military service and civilian life. This support takes many forms, including financial counseling, direct assistance, spiritual retreats for warriors and their families, and countless other services tailored to meet real and often urgent needs.

I wholeheartedly support the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation and everyone involved for their dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our veterans.

Sincerely,

Cole Stanley

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Mr. Ray Griffiss
Chairman
Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation

Dear Mr. Griffiss,

I am writing to express my steadfast support for the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation's golf tournament in Amarillo, Texas, and for the organization's mission to serve Texas' wounded veterans and their families.

As a proud Texan, Navy veteran, and member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have seen firsthand the importance of supporting the men and women who have sacrificed so much in defense of our freedoms. Since 2007, the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation has remained committed to helping veterans successfully transition from military service to civilian life. The Foundation has embodied an unwavering dedication to those who have served our country through programs focused on financial assistance for medical, housing, and transportation costs, as well as physical and mental recovery. I am especially proud of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation's annual golf tournament hosted in Amarillo, which has helped raise more than \$1.5 million to continue providing critical resources and services directly to Texas veterans and their families.

While I am unable to attend this year's tournament, I am grateful for the opportunity to have participated in past years and to see firsthand the remarkable work made possible through this event. I wish you success in this year's tournament and hope to join you again in the future. On behalf of all those I represent in Texas' 13th Congressional District, thank you to the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation for your continued leadership, commitment, and service to our veterans and their families.

Sincerely,

Ronny Jackson

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Member of Congress



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Staff Sergeant Bryon Crawley, US Army (Ret.)

I joined the Army in 1983 under the split-training program. I went to basic training between my junior and senior year of high school, then went back for AIT after graduation. I had always wanted to be a Soldier, and when the recruiter came to our school and said I could join a year early with my parents' permission, that was all I needed to hear. I was ready to start my journey as soon as I could. I started my



Bryon with his mom and dad, Basic Training Visitation Day, 1983

career as a Cavalry Scout. Later on, after injuring my shoulder, I reclassified into food service so I could finish out my career. I served at Fort Bragg, Fort Irwin, CA (which was really a secret paradise lol), Korea, back to Fort Bragg, Hawaii, Fort Knox, KY, Germany, and did a tour in Iraq. I wrapped up my career at Fort Hood, TX, where I retired after 21 years of service. Back in the military, I used to laugh at my buddies who played golf while I chose to spend my time drinking and partying instead. After getting out, I thought about trying golf, but I didn't know anyone who played, so I put the idea on the back burner.

Later, I met a friend who played with a group of Veterans, and he invited me out. That changed everything. Golf ended up being the thing I didn't realize I was missing. It brought back the camaraderie I'd been craving since leaving the Army. When I play golf, I'm usually out there with a group of Veterans,



and for those four to five hours (and yes, sometimes six when we're playing really badly), the score doesn't matter. It's about being with my brothers and sisters who understand the same things I've lived through.

Golf gives me that connection again. I became part of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation around 2018 or 2019. From the moment I was introduced, it felt like I was the long-lost family member finally found after all these years. It has been an incredible experience meeting other like-minded Veterans and reconnecting with that sense of belonging. The staff — honestly, I don't even see them as "staff." They're more like family elders. They go above and beyond to make sure we feel welcomed, supported, and cared for. Even though this is a Veteran organization, they've embraced my family as well, letting me know they care not just about me, but about my wife too. That's something words can hardly describe. I've said it before and I'll say it again: thank you, thank you, thank you for everything you do for me, my family, and our Veteran community.



- SSG Bryon Crawley, USA (Ret.)



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Honoring Those Who Serve at Home

Behind every wounded veteran stands a support system that rarely seeks recognition but deserves it wholeheartedly. Spouses and caregivers are often the quiet strength behind every warrior’s journey, serving as advocates, encouragers, companions, and caretakers. They celebrate victories, shoulder burdens, and provide unwavering support through every challenge. While their sacrifices may not always be visible, their impact is immeasurable.

At the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation (TXWWF), we believe caring for our nation’s heroes also means caring for those who stand beside them. While our mission centers on serving wounded veterans, we recognize that healing extends throughout the entire family. Strong families help build strong warriors, which is why we remain committed to honoring and supporting the spouses and caregivers whose love, resilience, and dedication make recovery and hope possible.

Each year, TXWWF hosts a special appreciation weekend in Tyler, Texas, dedicated exclusively to these remarkable women. Designed to provide rest, connection, and meaningful experiences, the three-day retreat offers an opportunity to step away from the demands of everyday life and focus on personal renewal. From the moment the weekend begins, an atmosphere of friendship fills the air as women who often arrive as strangers quickly form lasting bonds.

Throughout the weekend, participants enjoy experiences that encourage both relaxation and connection. Highlights include a guided tour of Kiepersol Winery, where guests learn about the estate’s rich history and winemaking traditions, followed by a memorable food and wine pairing that invites everyone to slow down, reflect, and simply enjoy the moment.



For many, however, the greatest gift is something far more meaningful: time. Time away from appointments, responsibilities, and the constant demands of caregiving. Time to enjoy uninterrupted conversations, share experiences, and laugh alongside women who truly understand the unique rewards and challenges they face each day. It is an opportunity many admit they rarely allow themselves.

As friendships deepen, participants discover one of the weekend’s greatest blessings—they are not alone. Caregiving can often be isolating, with spouses quietly carrying emotional, physical, and mental burdens while ensuring their loved ones receive the support they need. This weekend provides more than recreation; it creates a community built on understanding, encouragement, and shared experience, where stories are met with empathy, challenges with support, and successes with heartfelt celebration.

The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation recognizes that the sacrifices made by spouses and caregivers are an essential part of every warrior’s journey. Through programs like the Tyler Appreciation Weekend, we strive to provide opportunities for healing, connection, and renewal while expressing our sincere gratitude for all they do.

These extraordinary women may not wear the uniform, but they serve with courage, resilience, and selflessness every day. They are the steady hands during difficult moments, the source of encouragement during setbacks, and the foundation upon which so many warrior families rely. For their unwavering devotion and countless sacrifices, we proudly salute these caregivers—the true heroes at home.

Tyler Warrior & Spouse Weekend

Each year, the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation’s Tyler Pro-Am Weekend serves as a powerful reminder of how recreational sports positively impacts mental health. What began as a golf tournament has grown into one of the Foundation’s signature traditions, bringing together wounded veterans, their spouses, caregivers, volunteers, professional golfers, sponsors, and community members for a weekend centered on fellowship, encouragement, and renewed hope. Since its inception, the Tyler Pro-Am has embodied the Foundation’s mission of honoring those who have served while recognizing that true healing includes the family members who walk beside them every step of the journey.

Throughout the weekend, warriors experience far more than time on the golf course. They are welcomed into a community that understands their sacrifices and celebrates their resilience. Equally important, spouses and caregivers are embraced as an essential part of the Foundation family. While warriors build friendships and reconnect with fellow veterans, spouses and caregivers enjoy thoughtfully planned activities designed specifically for them. These experiences provide an opportunity to relax, connect with others who share similar journeys, and enjoy a well-deserved weekend of appreciation and renewal. From meaningful conversations and shared laughter to unique local experiences, these moments foster friendships that often continue long after the weekend concludes.

The Tyler Pro-Am also showcases the extraordinary generosity of East Texas. Volunteers dedicate countless hours, sponsors provide unwavering support, and professional golfers generously share their time and talents to create an unforgettable experience for every participant. Their collective commitment reflects a community united in gratitude and a shared desire to honor the sacrifices made by our nation’s wounded heroes and the loved ones who stand beside them.

For the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation, the Tyler Pro-Am Weekend represents far more than an annual event—it is the Foundation’s mission brought to life. The relationships formed, encouragement shared, and memories created throughout the weekend leave a lasting impact on warriors, spouses, and caregivers alike. As families return home, they do so with strengthened connections, renewed confidence, and the reassurance that they are part of a community that genuinely cares. Through weekends like these, hope is restored, lives are enriched, and the Foundation continues its commitment to supporting those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.





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The Christian Quilt Guild - Tyler, TX

The Christian Quilt Guild of Tyler is comprised of more than fifty dedicated women who share a heartfelt desire to express their gratitude to our nation's veterans through the gift of their sewing talents. Over the years, it has become a cherished tradition for the Guild to present a handmade quilt to each warrior attending the Tyler Warrior Weekend for the first time. Through these beautiful creations, they offer a sincere thank you to the men and women who have served and sacrificed to protect the freedoms we enjoy every day.

Each quilt represents the collective efforts of many caring hands. Some members carefully piece together intricate designs from cut fabric, while others use specialized longarm quilting machines to join the quilt top, batting, and backing into a finished work of art. Finally, another volunteer completes the quilt by sewing on the binding, ensuring every detail is finished with care and craftsmanship.

More than just blankets, these quilts are symbols of appreciation, comfort, and patriotism. As each quilt is created, the women of the Guild keep our veterans in their thoughts and prayers, hoping the recipients feel the warmth, gratitude, and respect woven into every stitch. Their wish is that each warrior recognizes how deeply their service is valued and how profoundly their sacrifices have impacted our nation.

The gift of a quilt creates something truly special for both the recipient and the maker. For the warrior, it serves as a lasting reminder that their service is remembered and appreciated. For the quilter, it is an opportunity to honor a veteran in a meaningful and personal way. Through this tradition, the Christian Quilt Guild continues to share not only their remarkable talent, but also their heartfelt appreciation for some very deserving American heroes.



Thank You Texas Roadhouse!

The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation extends its gratitude to Tristin and the entire staff at the Tyler, Texas location for their outstanding fundraising support. Their generosity and commitment play a meaningful role in advancing our mission. Because of contributions like theirs, we are able to continue providing essential programs, resources, and support that empower and uplift our nation's wounded warriors. This partnership not only strengthens our work, but also serves as a powerful reminder of the impact a caring community can have in honoring and supporting those who have sacrificed so much.



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Solstice Fore the Soldiers

On June 23, 2026, Eli Jordan transformed the summer solstice into a day dedicated to honoring America's wounded Veterans through his Solstice Fore the Soldiers fundraiser benefiting the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation (TXWWF). What began as a unique golfing challenge quickly became something much greater. It became a remarkable demonstration of generosity, determination, and unwavering patriotism. Through the support of sponsors, friends, donors, and volunteers, the event had a single purpose: ensuring that those who sacrificed for our freedom know they are never forgotten. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the fundraiser were donated directly to the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation, providing meaningful support for wounded Warriors and their families across Texas.

The challenge itself was as inspiring as the mission behind it. Eli committed to playing as many holes of golf as he could in a single day, and ended up playing 100. This was a true test of endurance, perseverance, and mental toughness. Every swing represented more than another shot down the fairway. It represented gratitude. Every hole symbolized another opportunity for others to invest in the lives of wounded Veterans. Long before the final putt dropped, the true victory had already been achieved through the awareness raised and the generosity inspired by his commitment.

At the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation, we often say that healing is made possible because ordinary people choose to do extraordinary things. Eli Jordan embodies that spirit. His willingness to dedicate his time, energy, and passion to serving others reminds us that meaningful change often begins with one person deciding to make a difference. By inviting TXWWF Chairman and President, Ray Griffiss, and others to join him, he created an event that not only raised funds but also strengthened the connection between our community and the Warriors we proudly serve.

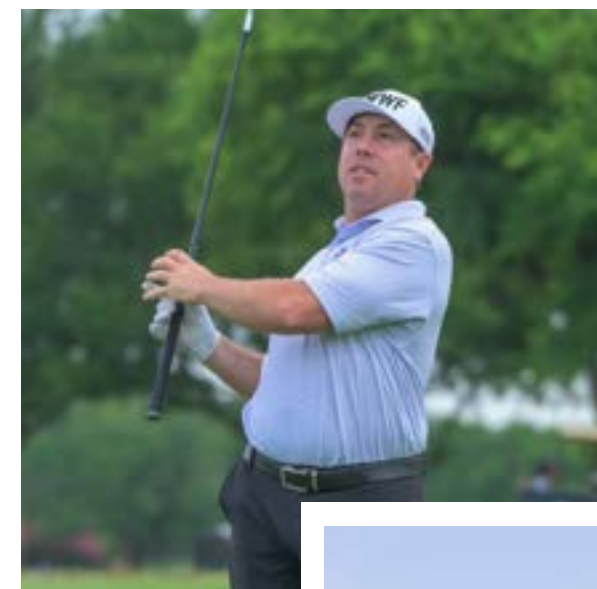
The impact of Solstice Fore the Soldiers extends far beyond a single day on the golf course. Every dollar raised helps provide critical assistance to wounded Veterans facing challenges that many never see. Whether helping a Warrior family through unexpected financial hardship, supporting therapeutic recreational

opportunities that foster healing, assisting with immediate emergency needs, or creating programs that reconnect Veterans with fellow service members, the generosity generated through this fundraiser continues to make a lasting difference throughout the year.

Equally inspiring was the community that rallied around Eli's vision. Sponsors generously invested in the mission. Eli and his wife, Stephanie, dedicated countless hours to ensuring the day was a success. Friends, golfers, and supporters came together not simply to participate in a fundraiser, but to demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices made by our nation's heroes. Their collective efforts serve as a powerful reminder that when communities unite behind a common purpose, extraordinary things can happen.

Events like Solstice Fore the Soldiers also help tell an important story. They remind wounded Veterans that they are seen, appreciated, and supported long after their military service has ended. They show families that they are not alone. They inspire others to find their own unique ways to give back. Most importantly, they reinforce the mission that drives the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation every day—to honor, support, and serve those who have sacrificed so much for our country.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Eli Jordan for his vision, dedication, and servant's heart. His leadership has created a successful fundraiser, as well as creating hope, encouragement, and opportunity for countless Warriors. We are equally grateful to Stephanie Jordan and Tara Griffiss, along with every sponsor, volunteer, donor, and warrior participant whose generosity made this event possible.



The 18th Annual Stonebridge Ranch Charity Classic

The 18th Annual Stonebridge Ranch Charity Classic was a remarkable celebration of patriotism, generosity, and community, bringing together supporters from across North Texas to make a meaningful difference in the lives of wounded veterans. We are ever so grateful that the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation (TXWWF) was the charity chosen to be the 2025 beneficiary. We are honored to be part of an event that continues to exemplify the extraordinary impact that can be achieved when a community rallies around a shared purpose.

From the very beginning, the event reflected an unwavering commitment to serving others. The festivities commenced with an exclusive dinner featuring distinguished guest speaker General Paul E. Funk II, whose leadership and heartfelt reflections on service inspired everyone in attendance. His message set the tone for the rest of the 2 day event, centered on gratitude, sacrifice, and the enduring strength of those who have dedicated their lives to our nation.

The Charity Classic itself was an unforgettable day filled with outstanding golf and spirited competition across the beautiful Dye Course at The Clubs of Stonebridge Ranch. Throughout the day, players, sponsors, and volunteers demonstrated their commitment to giving back, knowing that every swing and every contribution would directly benefit an organization dedicated to strengthening lives and communities.

As the sun set, guests gathered for an evening of celebration featuring a special VIP experience, a wonderful dinner, and an energetic concert that brought everyone together in appreciation of the event's success. Amongst the many anticipated highlights of the evening, was the live auction, which proved to be both entertaining and incredibly successful. Through the generosity of bidders, the auction raised significant support that will have a lasting impact on the missions of both beneficiary organizations.

The success of an event of this magnitude is only possible because of the countless individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and passion behind the scenes. The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to the entire Charity Classic Planning Committee, led by Monica Moman and Carrie Julius, whose months of preparation, creativity, and tireless commitment ensured every detail was thoughtfully executed, along with TXWWF's Ray and Tara Griffiss, and Chris Stephens. Everyone's time and dedication created an exceptional experience for every participant while maximizing the event's charitable impact.

We are equally grateful to the outstanding staff at The Clubs of Stonebridge Ranch, whose professionalism, hospitality, and willingness to go above and beyond helped make this year's Charity Classic one of the most successful to date. From course preparation and event logistics to guest services and evening festivities, the staff continually demonstrated a spirit of excellence that elevated every aspect.

Most importantly, we thank every sponsor, golfer, volunteer, donor, auction participant, and guest whose generosity made this event possible. Your support enables the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation to continue providing critical financial assistance, therapeutic and recreational programs, family support, and life-changing opportunities for wounded veterans across Texas. Together, you are helping restore hope, strengthen families, and remind our nation's heroes that their sacrifices will never be forgotten.





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Prior to his leadership at TRADOC, General Funk commanded III Corps and Fort Hood, one of the Army’s premier corps-level commands, where he directed large-scale training and operations critical to national security. Additionally, he served as the Commanding General of Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF–OIR), where he deployed to lead a 72-nation coalition in the campaign against ISIS in Iraq and Syria. His efforts in this role were instrumental in degrading and defeating ISIS’s territorial control, thereby contributing significantly to global stability and security.

General Funk’s combat and operational experience includes six deployments in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Inherent Resolve.



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- **Combat Action Badge**
- **Army Staff Identification Badge**
- **Joint Meritorious Unit Award**, with oak leaf cluster
- **Valorous Unit Award**
- **Meritorious Unit Commendation**, with three oak leaf clusters
- **Army Superior Unit Award**, with two oak leaf clusters
- **National Defense Service Medal**, with service star
- **Southwest Asia Service Medal**, with three campaign stars
- **Afghanistan Campaign Medal**, with one campaign star
- **Iraq Campaign Medal**, with three campaign stars
- **Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal**, with two campaign stars
- **Global War on Terrorism Service Medal**
- **Army Service Ribbon**
- **Army Overseas Service Ribbon**
- **NATO Medal** (for service with ISAF)
- **Defense of Saudi Arabia Medal**
- **Kuwait Liberation Medal** (Saudi Arabia)
- **Kuwait Liberation Medal** (Kuwait)

Thank You Letter from Christian Family Retreat

Dear Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation,

We are writing to sincerely thank you for hosting our family at the Spring Christian Family Retreat at Rough Creek Lodge. The experience was truly a blessing, and we are so grateful for the opportunity you provided for not only our family, but our dear Warrior friend Erick's family & many others.

During the retreat, we were able to spend meaningful time together as a family & extended family...something that is often difficult with the demands of daily work and school life. We enjoyed so many wonderful activities, including bowling and bingo, taking peaceful walks, zip lining, and boating on the lake. Each moment was filled with joy, laughter, and connection. Especially peaceful was the time we enjoyed in our room eating the yummy snacks TXWWF provided and talking with each other.

We are grateful for the opportunity to listen to the inspiring Christian speakers, whose messages were both uplifting and encouraging. Both gentlemen provided practical application examples and experiences. It was also a joy to meet other families and build new connections with people who share similar military and life experiences. One of our favorite parts was hearing about what our son learned in children's Bible study. It meant so much to see him grow and be impacted in such a positive way; his clothespin cross now presides over us as we enter through our home door.

This retreat was a much-needed getaway from our busy schedules, and it gave our family time to rest, reconnect, and refocus. Experiences of this caliber would be nearly impossible for us without the support of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation. We deeply appreciate your willingness to shoulder that financial burden so that families like ours can enjoy such meaningful opportunities. Thank you again for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and commitment to serving warrior families like ours. The memories we made will stay with us for years to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Kristen & Brad Shelton



Spring Christian Family Retreat at Rough Creek

For many of our wounded veterans, the greatest victories are found in restored relationships, renewed hope, and the opportunity to spend meaningful time with the people who matter most. The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation's Christian Family Retreat at Rough Creek was created with this purpose in mind—providing warriors and their families a peaceful setting where they can step away from the demands of everyday life and reconnect with one another through faith, fellowship, and shared experiences.

Faith remains at the heart of the retreat. Through inspirational messages, devotional opportunities, and meaningful conversations, participants are encouraged to reflect on and believe that hope that can be found even in life's most difficult seasons. These moments often become some of the most impactful, reminding warriors and their loved ones that they are never alone and that there is strength found in both faith and community.





2nd Annual Warrior/Child Weekend



The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation's 2nd Annual Spring Break Warrior/Child Weekend was a truly unforgettable experience that brought 18 warrior families together for three days filled with laughter, connection, and lasting memories. Held throughout Grapevine, Arlington, and Frisco, Texas, the all inclusive weekend focused on strengthening family bonds while giving warriors and their loved ones an opportunity to simply enjoy time together.

The weekend began Saturday evening at The REC of Grapevine, where families gathered for dinner and private access to the facility's many attractions. Children raced down water slides, families played basketball and volleyball together, and warriors shared moments of fun and relaxation with their children in an environment filled with energy and excitement. From the pools and lazy river to the ping pong and racquet ball, every corner of the evening reflected joy, camaraderie, and togetherness.

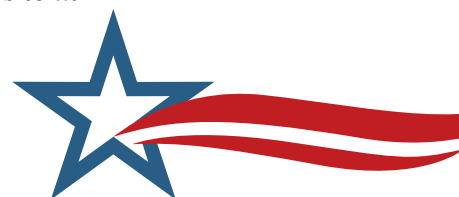
On Sunday, families traveled to Six Flags Over Texas for a full day of adventure and family fun. Warriors, children, spouses, and caregivers, spent the day riding roller coasters, sharing meals and snacks, and creating memories together throughout the park. More importantly, the day provided uninterrupted quality time for families to reconnect and enjoy experiences side by side.

The weekend concluded Monday at Fields Ranch with the Warrior/Child Family Scramble at "The Swing." Families gathered indoors before enjoying the putting course and sharing lunch together. Warriors then teamed up with their families for a welcoming golf experience designed for all ages and skill levels. Whether participants were longtime golfers or picking up a club for the first time, the atmosphere was filled with encouragement, laughter, and shared accomplishment.

While the activities themselves were incredible, the true impact of the weekend was found in the meaningful moments created between warriors and those that are very special to them. New friendships formed, family bonds strengthened, and children were able to see their family smiling, laughing, and fully present.

The Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation remains honored to provide experiences like this that remind our warriors and their families that they are never alone, and that healing and connection are often found in moments shared together.

For more information about the Foundation and upcoming events, please visit our site at www.txwoundedwarrior.org.



A Special Thank You

My experience with the Texas Wounded Warriors was honestly amazing and something I will never forget. It gave me the chance to meet other military families like mine and also spend real time with my own family, which doesn't always happen when life gets busy. From the very first night, I knew this trip was going to be special.

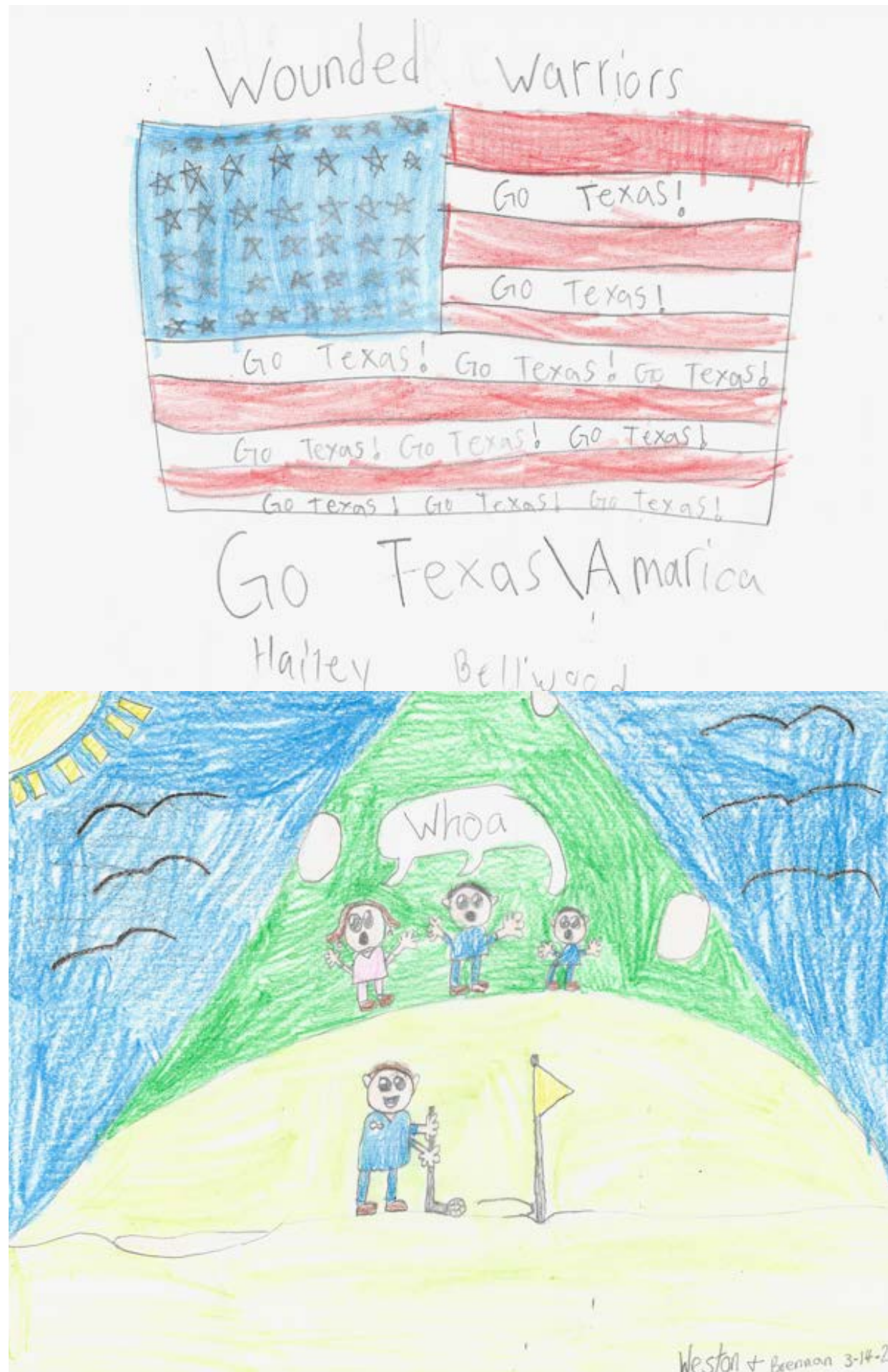
On the first night, we all had dinner together, which was great, but the best part was definitely the volleyball game afterward. Me, my dad, and a bunch of other families played a full game, and let's just say we were very competitive... even though none of us were professionals. There was a lot of laughing, missed hits, and shouting, and it was honestly one of the best parts of the trip. Meanwhile, my siblings were at the pool and basically refused to leave. I'm pretty sure if we didn't make them get out, they would still be there today.

The second day was probably the most exciting because we went to Six Flags. We all met in front of the park and took a big group picture. You could tell everyone was really happy to be there because every face was smiling (or squinting in the sun). We rode a ton of rides, and some of them were terrifying—but in a fun way. My sister and I waited in line for the Texas Giant, and the line felt like it lasted forever. By the time we finally got on, my legs hurt and I was questioning all my life choices. But once we rode it, it was totally worth it. Now I remind my sister about it all the time, even when she tells me to stop.

On the third and sadly last day, we went golfing. It was a little cold, but nothing a jacket and complaining couldn't fix. I come from a family of six, and all of us—even my five-year-old brother—were excited to play golf. Were we good at it? Absolutely not. But did we try? Kind of. I only lost the ball four times, which is actually really impressive for me. Half the time, the ball didn't even leave the tee, but I'm choosing to call that "strategic."

Overall, this experience was an amazing way to spend time with my family and meet other families too. It helped me make new friends with people I didn't even know before, and some of those friendships could last a lifetime. It also made me feel really special, even though I'm just the kid of someone in the military. I want to thank Ray and Tara for inviting my family and giving me an experience I will remember forever. It's definitely a story I'll tell my grandkids someday—if I have kids, or if my kids have kids, or maybe even my siblings' kids.

Thank you so much.
From, Emily



US Coast Guard: Sarah Hall

Sarah has now been in the Coast Guard for 4 years and elected to re-enlist for an additional two years. It has been quite an experience for her going from boot camp to the first deployment in Auke Bay Alaska to Health Science Engineer “A” school in Petaluma CA to her current duty station on board the HSC Stone in Charleston SC. The most recent deployment on the HSC Stone has been action packed being underway for 4 months and seizing over 49k lbs. of illegal drugs around South America then returning home only to being sent underway right away to support the recent mission involving Venezuela. Upon her return, she was promoted in rank from HS3 to HS2 (Health Science Engineer 2nd Class Petty Officer). Her next adventure will be at a base clinic in Boston MA so by the time this is published she will have been there a couple months already. She is enjoying her time in the Coast Guard and has been able to see a lot of places and experience many things that can only happen in military service.

Thank you for your service, Sarah!



Hall Buick - Month of May

The Hall families’ patriotism has continued to support our military: for the past fifteen years, Monte, Gerry and Pam Hall of Hall Buick GMC of Tyler have hosted the Texas Wounded Warrior Month in May - Hall Chevrolet Buick GMC of Canton joined in 2019. For each vehicle sold, the Halls donated a portion of the sale to the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation. Over the past 15 years, the Halls’ have contributed over \$200,000 to support our warriors. This has also allowed the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation to purchase three 12-passenger vans — one for Tyler and two for the San Antonio Area — which help wounded warriors travel back-and-forth to medical appointments in the San Antonio and Austin areas. In addition they have provided GMC vehicles to transport our warriors and wives during the Tyler Pro-Am events. And they offer a GMC truck for the first Hole-In-One shot during the Pro-Am golf event.

Thank you to the entire Hall Family for their support.





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Buck and Tina Mayers

“After telling Buck & Tina about the TXWWF and the potential for a successful golf event at Escondido, they volunteered to head it up. And did they ever! The hundreds of hours they have spent has united many people wanting to express their gratitude and great appreciation for our military and especially to the wounded. The club membership and staff have been most generous with their time and support. When thanking them, their response has always... ‘This is the very best and most worthwhile event we have. Thank you!’ Why would you think otherwise coming from a bunch of Texans who know freedom is never free and all freedom comes through military victory.”

Bob Goetz, PGA Life Member and Escondido Member

Buck serves on the Board of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation (TXWWF) and, together with his wife, Tina, has hosted the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation Golf Tournament at Escondido Golf & Lake Club for the past 14 years. Through the generosity of Escondido members and supporters, the tournament has raised more than \$1 million to benefit wounded veterans and their families throughout Texas. The event is made possible by a membership that embraces the Foundation’s mission and has made supporting our veterans a meaningful priority.

In addition to his work with TXWWF, Buck serves as Director of Instruction at Escondido Golf & Lake Club and has been recognized by Golf Digest as a Best in State Golf Instructor and by PING as a Top 100 Club Fitter.

Tina is a PGA Life Member who spent many years as one of the Head Golf Professionals at Horseshoe Bay Resort. Today, she continues to share her passion for the game through golf instruction.

Together, Buck and Tina remain deeply committed to the mission of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation and to serving the veterans and families who have sacrificed so much for our country.



TXWWF Bowling League

Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation launched its first ever bowling league and one thing has become abundantly clear: meaningful connection does not depend on the setting, it depends on the people and the purpose behind it. What began as a new idea, rooted in the belief that recreation in all forms supports healing, has now become a powerful example of how shared experiences can strengthen both individual wellbeing and community bonds.

For years, the Foundation had seen firsthand the positive impact of golf on warriors navigating their recovery journeys. This has helped reinforce what was already learned, healing is not confined to one activity. With that understanding, the decision was made to expand programming in a way continuing to be accessible, engaging, and inclusive. The result was a 15-week bowling league hosted at Bowlero Euless, bringing together warriors from across the state for a consistent weekly experience.

From the very first evening, the atmosphere on the lanes reflected exactly what the program set out to achieve. There was an immediate sense of camaraderie with participants encouraging one another, sharing laughs, and embracing both the challenges and victories that came with learning a new skill. For many, it was not just about bowling; it was about showing up, being present, and reconnecting with a sense of community.

The opening five weeks of professional instruction proved to be a critical foundation for the program's success. Led by PBA and USBC Certified Coaches, these sessions introduced participants to the fundamentals of bowling while building confidence and consistency. What stood out most during this phase was not just the technical growth, but the willingness of participants to support one another through the learning process. Strangers quickly became teammates, and teammates soon became friends.

As the program transitioned into its 10-week league play, that Foundation carried forward in meaningful ways. The lanes became a space of friendly competition, where effort was celebrated just as much as achievement. Bowlers tracked their progress, challenged themselves to improve, and found pride in both individual and team accomplishments. The structure of the league created a rhythm, something dependable each week, that many participants came to value deeply.

Beyond the gameplay itself, the thoughtful design of the program contributed significantly to its impact. Each participant received equipment tailored to their development, including both a spare ball and a reactive resin strike

ball. Opportunities for additional practice, combined with access to performance tracking through an internal platform, allowed bowlers to stay engaged and invested in their progress. These details, while practical on the surface, reinforced a deeper message: each participant's experience mattered.

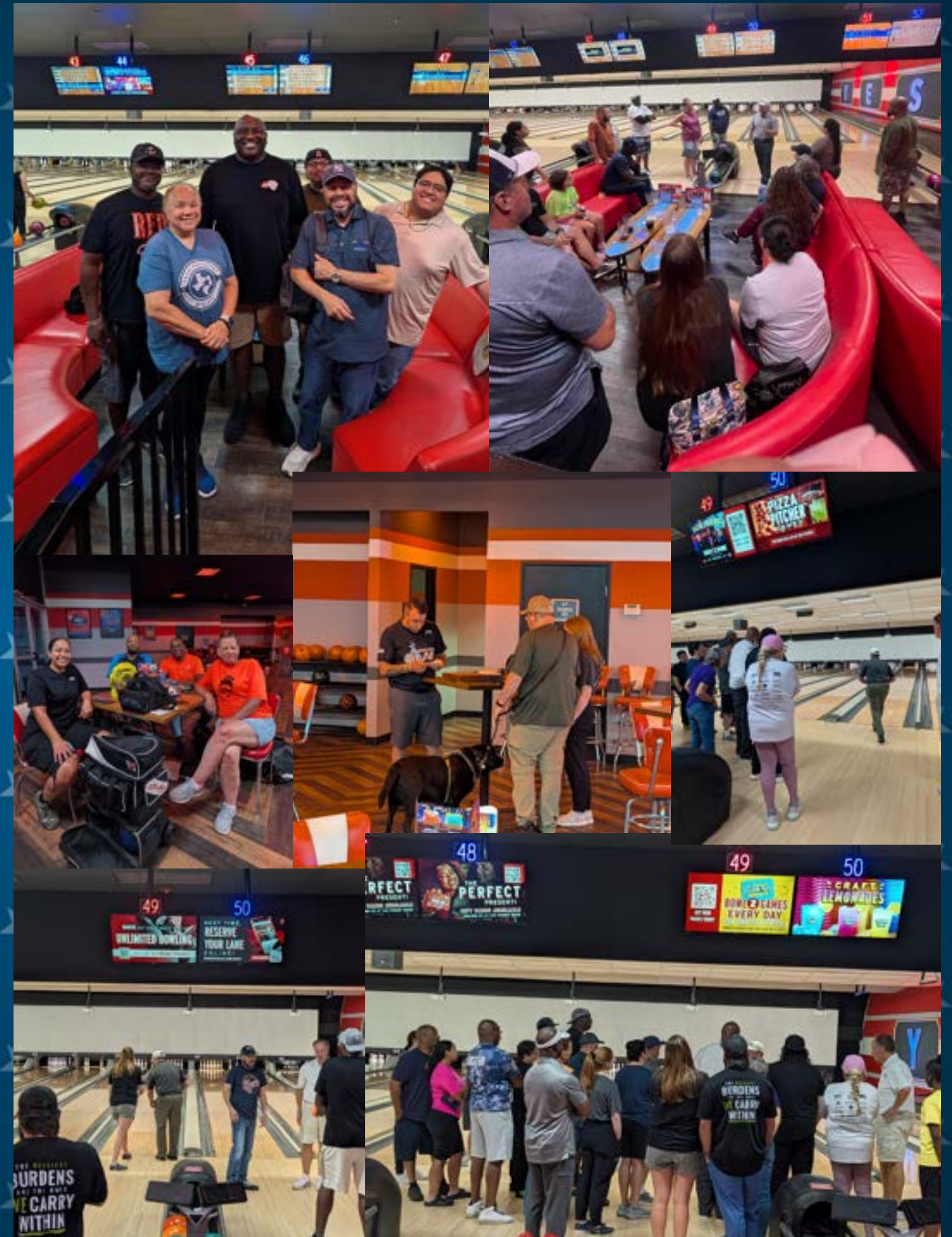
Equally important was the accessibility of the program. By offering the league at no cost, the Foundation removed barriers that might otherwise prevent participation. This decision ensured that the focus remained where it belonged—on connection, growth, and wellbeing, rather than on financial considerations.

The commitment shown by participants throughout the 15 weeks was another defining element of the program. With strong attendance and consistent engagement, the integrity of both the instructional and competitive aspects remained intact. Week after week, the lanes were filled not just with bowlers, but with individuals who had made a shared commitment to the experience and to one another.

As the inaugural season came to a close, the success of the Bowling League extended beyond expectations. It demonstrated that when given the opportunity, warriors will embrace new forms of recreation that foster both personal development and community connection. It also affirmed the Foundation's belief that innovative programming can open new pathways for healing.

Looking back, the inaugural Bowling League was more than just a new initiative. It was a statement of intent. It is a reflection of the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation's commitment to evolving alongside the needs of the warriors it serves. It proved that healing can happen in many spaces, sometimes in the most unexpected ways, and often in the company of those who understand the journey best.

What began as a step in a new direction has now become a meaningful part of that journey that will continue to roll forward, one frame at a time.



A Time to Give

In December 2025, Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation donated 776 articles of clothing and shoes between Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth and the Center for Development & Civic Engagement at Dallas Veterans Affairs.

Thank you to Bob Goode
for helping coordinate these donations!



Season of Giving

Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation Shares Thanksgiving Blessings with Fisher House Dallas

This past Thanksgiving, the Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation (TXWWF) had the honor of delivering a heartfelt “thank you” to the families who spend the holiday season far from home while supporting a loved one in medical care. In partnership with the Fisher House in Dallas, TXWWF donated turkeys and desserts to help ensure military and veteran families staying at Fisher House could gather around a warm meal and experience a moment of comfort, connection, and hope.

For many of us, Thanksgiving is a time of tradition. For the families at Fisher House, the holiday often looks very different. These are spouses, parents, children, and caregivers who have traveled to be near a wounded, ill, or injured service member or veteran receiving treatment. Their days are filled with hospital visits, long hours, difficult conversations, and unwavering support. In the middle of that reality, a shared holiday meal can mean more than a full plate. This can feel like a reminder that their sacrifice is seen, their presence matters, and their community stands with them.

Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation’s mission is rooted in that belief. TXWWF exists to support wounded warriors across the state of Texas, men and women who have served our nation and now face life after injury, illness, or trauma. Through programs, community partnerships, and direct support, TXWWF works to strengthen the well-being of veterans and their families. We help navigate challenges and build healthier, more connected lives. While our efforts span a wide range of needs, at the heart of everything we do is a commitment to honoring service with action. We look forward to meeting our nation’s heroes and providing support that is practical, compassionate, and meaningful.

The Fisher House mission aligns closely with that same spirit of care. Often described as a “home away from home,” Fisher House provides no-cost lodging for military and veteran families so they can stay near a loved one receiving medical treatment. By removing the burden of hotel expenses, Fisher House

helps families focus on what matters most: being present. That presence—steady, faithful, and often exhausting—is one of the greatest gifts a patient can receive. It is also one of the greatest responsibilities a family can carry. Fisher House recognizes that supporting the warrior means supporting the family, and their welcoming homes make that support possible every single day.

Making a Thanksgiving donation was a simple gesture with a powerful purpose, bringing warmth to those who are already giving so much. Turkeys and desserts represent more than a holiday menu. They represent a shared message of gratitude, community, and respect. For families who may be navigating uncertainty, recovery, or the emotional strain of long-term treatment, small acts of kindness can become bright moments they remember for years.

Reflecting on this holiday season, Texas Wounded Warrior Foundation remains grateful for the opportunity to serve the veteran community and to collaborate with trusted partners who share our dedication to military families. We are honored to share this experience with Fisher House Dallas and the extraordinary families who walk through its doors.





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