

New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefits from "Swing for Vets" Golf Tournament

TILTON, NH - The Second Annual "Swing for Vets" Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, May 9 at Pease Golf Course in Portsmouth, NH and yielded a \$2,000.00 donation to the New Hampshire Veterans Home (NHVH) Resident Benefit Fund.

NH Veterans Home Commandant Barry E. Conway accepted the check from Swing for Vets Chairman Craig Stucker, who said, "Your dedication and commitment have become a great source of inspiration and motivation for us. Every dollar and penny we raised came from the bottom of our hearts and is presented to you with the deepest love, respect and gratitude to the veterans and their families for the sacrifices they have made. But for their sacrifices, all Americans would neither be able to enjoy their freedom and liberties to pursue happiness nor enjoy the quality of life. Swing for Veterans is committed to aiding your organization in returning the favor to the veterans."

Barry Conway remarked, "This is a wonderful contribution. We are honored and very grateful. The work we do is critical; in difficult economic times it is more challenging to get support, so the donation from the 'Swing for Vets' Tournament is deeply appreciated by everyone in the Veterans Home family."

Stucker reported that sixty golfers participated in this year's event: "If you consider we had a 50 percent increase in the number of golfers over the first year, plus the down economy, we are quite pleased with the results and look forward to bringing in more next year." He added, "I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support of volunteers and golfers from the US Dept. of State's National Passport Center in Portsmouth, NH."

Major tournament sponsors were Gil's Jeep (Tournament Sponsor); Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller & Durkin P.A.; the Bethel Inn Resort; Cape Neddick Country Club; and the Meadowmere Resort.

Swing for Vets is a New Hampshire certified non-profit organization founded in 2008 under the guiding principle of "supporting our veterans, service members and their families." The organization came into being when several federal government workers wanted to combine their love of golf with their desire to give back to military service members and veterans. The Mission of Swing for Vets is: "To perpetually promote the well-being of US service members, veterans, and their families by raising funds to support programs and initiatives designed to enhance their quality of life."

Established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans, the New Hampshire Veterans Home is one of just four New Hampshire nursing homes to win the first Quality of Life Award from the NH Department of Health & Human Services. The mission of NHVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State's elderly and disabled veterans. NHVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans.



PHOTO: (left to right), Craig Stucker, Chairman, Swing for Vets; Barry Conway, NH Veterans Home Commandant; Kristina Lundquist, 2009 Tournament Co-Chairwoman; Jim Fyles - Owner, Gil's Jeep (Premier Sponsor); Chris Frazier, 2009 Tournament Volunteer Coordinator. Missing from photo: Sue Catino, 2009 Co-Chairwoman; Jason Bernier, Swing for Vets Board; Tyson Foster, Swing for Vets Board.