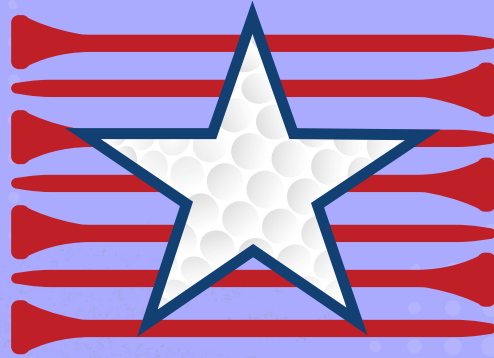


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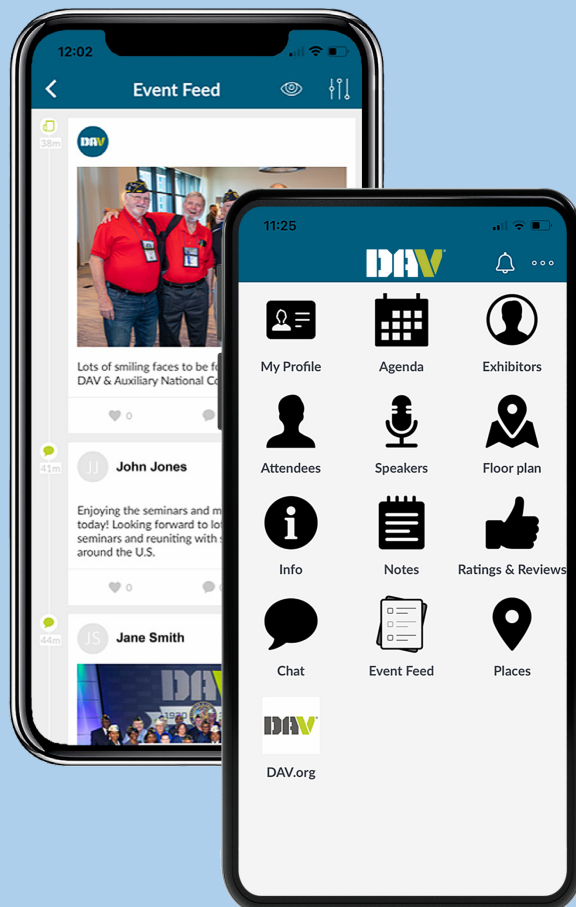
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Veterans, volunteers, staff, caregivers, sponsors, and honored guests,

Welcome to the 33rd annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC).

To the Veterans attending, we are so grateful you chose to spend your week with us. During the clinic, I hope you'll experience a true sense of freedom on the course, an opportunity to leave everyday challenges behind, breathe deeply, and let the game open space for confidence, connection, and pure rehabilitation. The relationships formed here extend well beyond the final day of the clinic, becoming a lasting source of encouragement as you pursue your rehabilitation goals.



To the volunteers, VA staff, and sponsors supporting – thank you. Without your support, we couldn't do this. Your dedication and contributions are incredible and what makes this clinic possible.

A special note of appreciation goes to our partner, DAV. Their steadfast advocacy for Veterans and unwavering support for the NDVGC shape this program in countless ways. We collaborate throughout the year to bring this clinic to life, and their dedication and partnership are unmatched.

I hope you have a meaningful and rewarding week. Push your limits safely, and please let us know how we can support you and help make this year's clinic a memorable experience.

Nick Beelner
Director, NDVGC



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On behalf of DAV National Commander John Donovan and our nearly 1 million members, welcome to the 33rd annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic! It's always great being back in Iowa to witness how world-class instructors, passionate volunteers and dedicated staff truly make this adaptive golf's premier event for Veterans.

DAV is proud of our longstanding partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs to present this clinic each year. We've seen what happens when participants put in the hard work here—they leave stronger both physically and mentally than when they came. What they learn here stays with them when they return home, boosting their confidence on the course and in navigating the challenges of day-to-day life.

I can attest to that. What I learned at this clinic as a participant for many years has shown me how I can be more independent and active despite the challenges of being a quadruple amputee. Skills learned here have helped allow me to tinker on cars, garden and woodworking—things I loved but previously thought were unattainable.

So, for our Veterans: take the time to try as much as possible and be an active participant. This is a clinic of innovation. Each coach, golf buddy, therapist and volunteer is here to help you find the right activities, equipment and modifications that work best for you. Seek out alternate activities, and if you're a returning participant, try something new.

For our caregivers: first and foremost, thank you. We see you, and we know the importance of the role you play in your Veteran's life. We hope you join us for the special events we have prepared just for you this week.

Thank you to the more than 300 volunteers here this week. Whether it's transportation, medical needs, meals, IT, logistics or being a golf buddy, without your efforts, we couldn't make this week happen.

And a special thank you goes to this year's sponsors. These companies, organizations and individuals know how critical adaptive sports can be in a Veteran's recovery journey. Their generosity is an investment into clinic participants' lives, and they see it return uncountable dividends.

To everyone, please have a wonderful and safe week. I look forward to seeing you out there!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Riley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Riley

DAV Past National Commander

Chairman, National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic



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Dear Veterans, Families, and Guests,

Welcome to the 33rd National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic!

On behalf of the Iowa City VA Health Care System, I'm honored to welcome you to Iowa. Whether you're here for the first time or returning to reconnect with friends, we hope this week is one you'll always remember.

At the Iowa City VA Health Care System, we are committed to keeping the Veteran at the center of everything we do, and this week reflects that commitment. By bringing Veterans, families, caregivers, volunteers, and staff together to celebrate the healing power of recreation. We hope you leave this year's Golf Clinic with new friendships, renewed confidence, and memories you'll carry with you long into the future.



This event is made possible through the dedication of our partners, sponsors, volunteers, and employees, who have worked tirelessly to make this a memorable and meaningful week for our Veterans. Their commitment reflects our shared mission of serving those who have served our Nation.

As you enjoy your week, we hope you feel welcomed and supported. If there is anything we can do to make your experience more enjoyable, please let us know. Our dedicated staff and volunteers are here to help you make the most of every opportunity this week has to offer.

Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and the example you continue to set. We hope you leave with lasting memories, renewed friendships, and the camaraderie that has brought Veterans back to the National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic for more than three decades. It is our privilege to serve you.

HEATH J. STRECK, FACHE
Interim Executive Director
Iowa City VA Health Care System

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Welcome,

On behalf of Health Service Area 3.3, and the U.S. Department of Veterans, I am honored to welcome you to the 34th Annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC).

This Clinic stands as a powerful testament to what can be achieved when committed partners unite behind a shared mission: supporting, empowering, and uplifting Veterans. Through the continued collaboration among the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Riverside Golf Resort, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, this event provides a unique space for connection, activity, and accomplishment.



We are thrilled to host another remarkable week filled with opportunities to engage with fellow Veterans, explore new challenges, and celebrate your achievements—both on and off the course. Each year, I look forward to hearing your stories, witnessing your resilience, and being inspired by the determination you bring to every aspect of life. I am especially excited to reconnect with those I have met in previous years and to see the ways you continue to strengthen your well-being and pursue your goals.

Your dedication to wellness, growth, and camaraderie is what makes this Clinic thrive. I encourage you to reconnect with familiar faces, welcome new ones, and embrace every moment of this extraordinary experience.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice. We are grateful for the privilege of supporting you and are committed to making this year's Clinic meaningful, energizing, and memorable.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith L. Johnson-Mekota".

Judith L. Johnson-Mekota, FACHE
Executive Director
VA Health Service Area 3.3



**THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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June 15, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

On behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), welcome to the National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC).

VA is proud to present NDVGC with Disabled American Veterans (DAV). The NDVGC provides an adaptive golf and rehabilitation program for Veterans with qualifying disabilities where Veterans strengthen their physical, mental, and emotional well-being by learning new, adaptive techniques to fully participate in the game.

This week-long program introduces Veterans to adaptive golf instruction and a variety of recreational activities designed to promote recovery and independence. Dedicated instructors, therapists, and volunteers will help participants develop new skills, build confidence, and experience the many benefits of adaptive recreation.

Just as important as the techniques themselves is the sense of community built during this event. Veterans come together to form meaningful connections, strengthen bonds of camaraderie, and support one another in their ongoing journey of health and recovery. As you take part in this week of activity, may each challenge embraced and each experience shared serve as a foundation for continued growth when you return home.

Please remember that every swing represents progress, resilience, and the enduring strength of our Nation's Veterans.

Thank you for your service to our Nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas A. Collins", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Douglas A. Collins



Dear Veterans, Caregivers, Volunteers, and Friends:

On behalf of our entire family and Elite Casino Resorts, it is my honor to welcome you to Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, proud home of the Blue Top Ridge Golf Course.

Each year, our team eagerly looks forward to this event—an opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces, welcome new ones, and serve in a way that reflects our deep gratitude and respect for your service. Hosting the National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic has become one of our most meaningful traditions.

Since first partnering with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Iowa City VA Health Care System in 2009, we have remained committed to ensuring this clinic is a memorable and uplifting experience for all involved. For our nearly 700 team members, it's not just an event—it's an inspiration.

That inspiration is matched by action. Over the course of the week, our Winning Hands employee volunteers and dedicated community members will contribute more than **245 hours of volunteer service** helping wherever needed to ensure every guest feels welcome and cared for.

The heart behind this effort can be felt in the shared words of our team after the 2025 event:

“This is always an amazing week. The Veterans love coming here, and while it's a lot of work, it's always worth it to see them smile and hear their stories. We made this week memorable.”

“It's my favorite volunteer event. Even after I retire, I'm sure I'll come back and help. We get to know so many of them—it's like seeing longtime friends each year.”

“I heard so many comments from first-time visitors and long-timers about how welcoming and helpful the team is. One gentleman didn't want to go back to Florida—he said he'd rather stay here! Another asked if he could take a team member home with him as a personal assistant. That's how top-notch the service is. It's a rewarding week to see our community and team come together in such a meaningful way.”

If there's anything we can do to make your stay more comfortable or enjoyable, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here for you.

Thank you for your service and your sacrifices.

Warm regards,

Bobby Kehl
Executive Director
Elite Casino Resorts



Hello, everyone!

Welcome to the area for the 33rd annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic. It's always a pleasure to have you back in our community. We trust that you'll enjoy the many activities that await you throughout this special week. I know I speak for everyone associated with this great event when I tell you we value the commitment and sacrifices each of you have made. You inspire us with your determination and spirit in facing the obstacles in your path. The health and well-being of our Veteran participants is important to us all, and this event is an incredible way to show our appreciation for your service. I'd also like to express my thanks to our Co-Host partners in this event, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The activities of the week are an outstanding way for these organizations to fulfill their mission of empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. Thank you as well to the large contingent of volunteers who make this week possible. It's a great honor to have you all here. I wish you a safe and enjoyable week and hope to see you all again in the future.

Have a great time!

Sincerely,

Allen Schneider
Mayor, Riverside, IA

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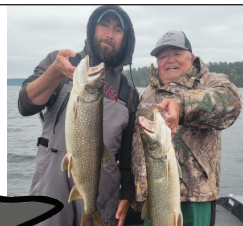
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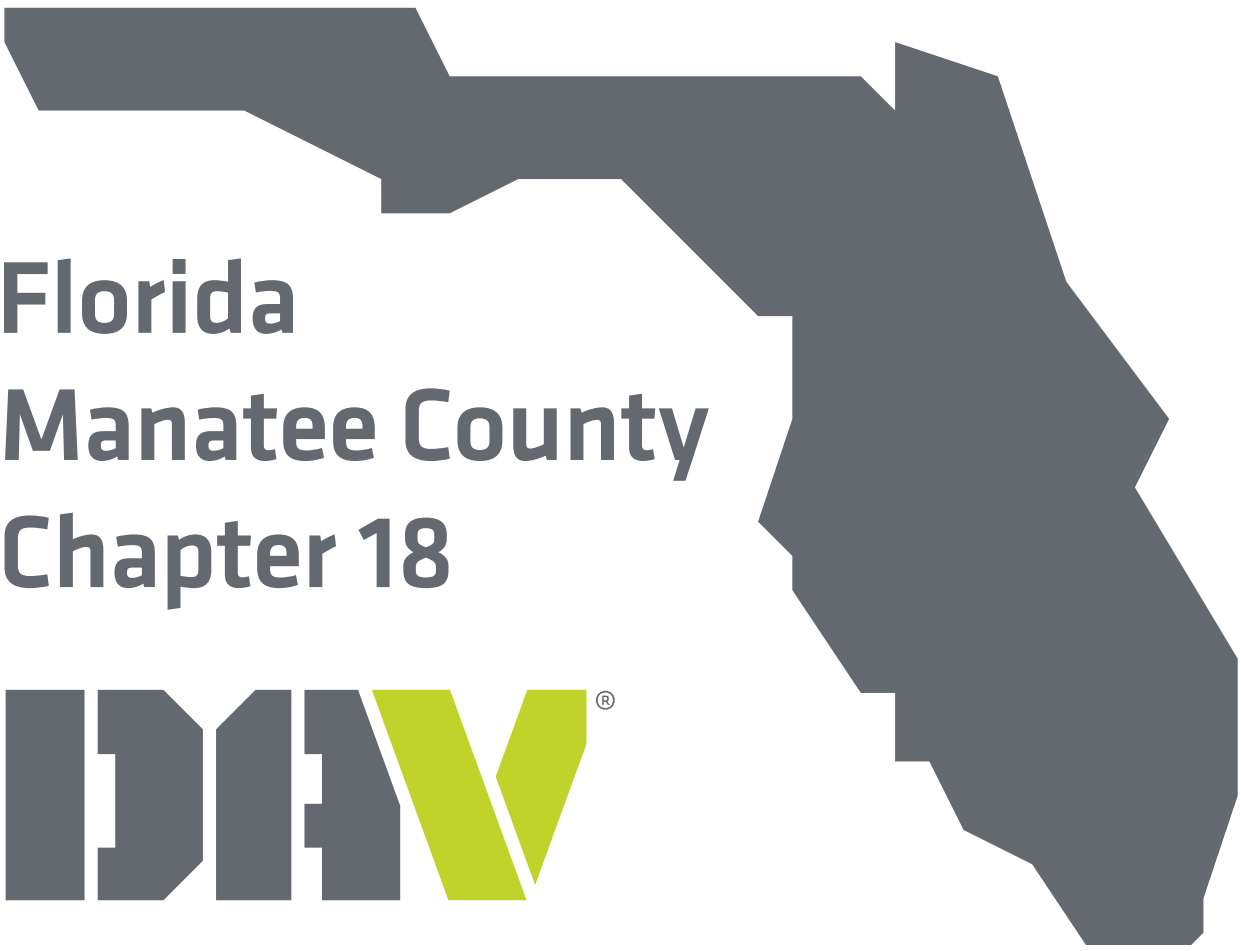
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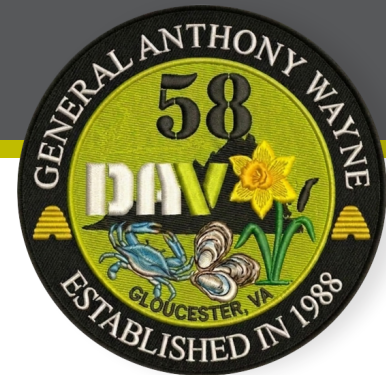
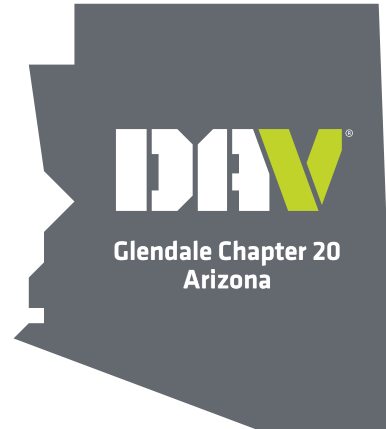
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