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Dear Golf Buddy Applicant:

The 33rd annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC) will be held at the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort in Riverside, Iowa, on Sunday, September 13 – Friday, September 18, 2026. All attendees will register on Sunday, September 13, 2026. This application is intended to collect preliminary information about individuals who may attend this year's program.

Please read all the information provided. If you feel you can meet the needs of the program and are interested in serving as a golf buddy at the NDVGC, please return the following documents:

- Application
- Code of Conduct

To be eligible to attend the 2026 National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic, both the Application and Code of Conduct must be submitted by June 5, 2026. Please ensure the application is completed in full and that you carefully review the entire Code of Conduct before signing, as all information is essential for consideration as a Golf Buddy. Please keep a copy of the completed application and code of conduct for your records.

You will receive an email confirming we have received your paperwork. If you do not receive an email, please follow up with Nick Beelner regarding your paperwork submission immediately at Nicholas.Beelner@va.gov or (319) 358-5963.

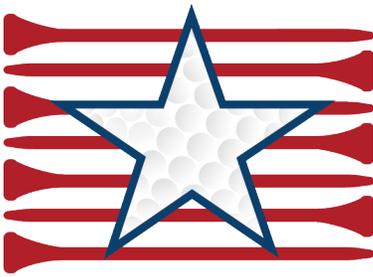
You will receive notification in June 2026 on whether you have been selected to support as a Golf Buddy.

What to Expect if Selected to Attend

This will be an incredibly rewarding experience. You will be working and providing support to Veterans with profound disabilities. These include visual impairments, spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, limb loss, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, stroke, military sexual trauma, and others.

GOLF: To provide the best experience for the Veterans, we strongly encourage you to support each of the 4 days your Veteran will be golfing. Expect to work at least 32 hours and possibly in inclement weather (rain). Training will be provided on our website, mobile app, and in person. You will receive details about the NDVGC mobile app, which will provide clinic information as the program date approaches.

As a reminder, Golf Buddies are **NOT** allowed to golf with or for their assigned Veteran.



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MEALS: You will be provided with meals throughout the duration of your assignment. While we take considerable time and effort to address as many dietary restrictions and special diets as possible, we cannot guarantee we will be able to accommodate all of them.

LODGING: You will be provided with lodging during the clinic if you live more than 50 miles from Riverside, Iowa. To provide more Veterans with the opportunity to participate in the program, our office will assign you lodging (if applicable) and a roommate. If you have a roommate preference, please indicate that on your lodging form.

TRAVEL: It is your responsibility to get to Riverside, Iowa. **DO NOT** make any travel arrangements until you have been officially accepted to the 2026 NDVGC.

Local volunteers will be responsible for getting to assigned venues daily.

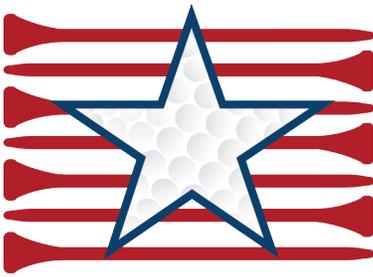
What Will Be Expected of You as a Golf Buddy if Selected to Attend

- You **MUST** be on time, be able to meet the requirements identified, and follow the rules and guidelines provided to you by the clinic and your assigned Course Coordinator and/or Team Leaders.
- You **MUST** provide an email address.
- You **MUST** read, understand, and adhere to privacy rules and regulations.
- You **MUST** always conduct yourself in a professional manner. You are volunteering for a VA Federal Government/D A V program. You are representing these two organizations; therefore, drug use, inappropriate behavior, or harassment of any form will not be tolerated. We reserve the right to immediately remove anyone in violation.

Additional Expectations for VA Government Employees

- Your supervisor **MUST** sign your application authorizing support for your attendance.
- Travel costs are not provided by the program. You will need to discuss your options for travel with your facility.
- You will be required to let us know if you are on official travel status, authorized absence, or annual leave.
- Lodging for employees is only available if the commute from your assigned duty station is more than 50 miles from Riverside, Iowa.

Consideration will only be given to those who return a complete application (3 pages must be returned; 4 pages for VA employees). Return your application to support by the June 5, 2026, deadline.



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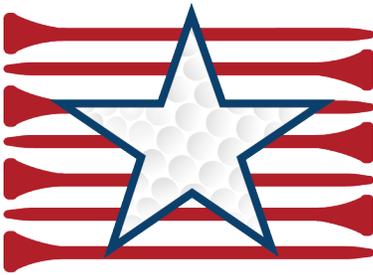
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If you have to cancel, you must notify Nick Beelner as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nick Beelner at nicholas.beelner@va.gov or at (319) 358-5963.

Sincerely,

Nick Beelner
Director, NDVGC



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2026 National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC) Golf Buddy Application

Please send completed registration forms by **June 5, 2026**

to: Iowa City VA Health Care System

Attn: Veterans Golf Clinic

601 Highway 6 West

Iowa City, IA 52246-2208

or email to: nicholas.beelner@va.gov

Applicant Information

Full Name:

Last

First

M.I.

Address:

Street Address

Apartment/Unit #

City

State

Zip Code

Cell Phone:

Date of Birth:

Sex:

Male

Female

Primary Email:

Secondary Email:

T-Shirt Size:

SM

MED

LG

XL

2XL

3XL

4XL

Emergency Contact Name and Relation:

Emergency Contact Phone Number:

Your contact information will only be used to contact you about pertinent information to the NDVGC.

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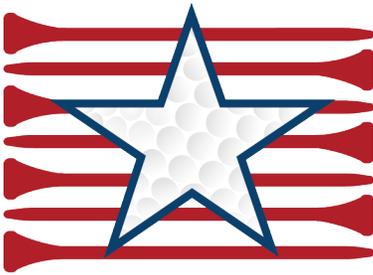
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Golf Buddy Opportunities

Golf Buddy (Monday 9/14 to Thursday 9/17 7:30am to 4pm): Supports Veteran's needs while on the golf course. Veterans participating in the clinic have profound disabilities including visual impairments, spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, limb loss, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, strokes, and others. They may need assistance traversing the golf course terrain, golf club selection, alignment, determining distances, and basic support to play the game.

Golf Buddies must be able to drive a golf cart and are not allowed to golf with or for the Veteran. As a Golf Buddy, you are expected to actively support your Veteran by getting out of the golf cart to physically assist your Veteran. Golf Buddies are responsible for taking notes for their Veteran during golf instruction and assisting their Veteran with lunch service while at their assigned golf course.

What days are you able to commit as a Golf Buddy? To provide the best and most consistent experience for the Veterans, we are encouraging commitment for the full clinic (Monday to Thursday). First consideration will be given to those who can commit Monday to Thursday.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Have you been a Golf Buddy at the NDVGC previously?

No

Yes

Do you have any physical limitations that may affect your ability to be a Golf Buddy?

No

Yes (*please explain*):

What is your golf skill and/or knowledge?

Novice

Intermediate

Advanced

How often do you golf?

Once a week or more

1-2 times a month

1-2 times a year

Never

What is your average score on 9 holes?

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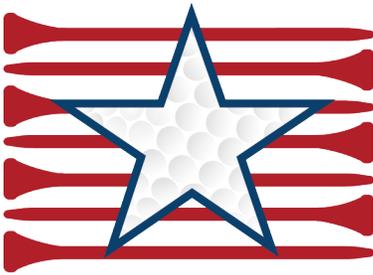
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Please select preferred golf course(s): *(subject to change)*

Blue Top Ridge (Riverside)
(Black and Blue Team)

Pleasant Valley (Iowa City)
(Green and Purple Team)

Kalona
(Yellow Team)

Elks Lodge (Iowa City)
(Red Team)

Is there a Veteran you would like to be paired with?

No

Yes *(Name of Veteran):*

Alternative activities will be offered to Veteran participants after golf. Volunteers will be needed from 4pm to 7pm during the week to help run scheduled activities and provide support to participating Veterans.

Are you willing to support all assigned Veterans at alternative activities after golf? (If yes, the Alternative Activities Lead will contact you via email prior to the clinic to obtain your activity preference).

No

Yes

Is there any information you would like us to know about you?

Lodging

If you live outside the direct commuting area (50 miles) of the NDVGC and need lodging, please indicate the nights you will need a room. **VA EMPLOYEES:** Lodging is only available if the commute from your assigned duty station is more than 50 miles from Riverside, Iowa.

Do you need lodging?

No

Yes

Room preference:

Non-Smoking

Smoking

What nights will you need lodging:

Sunday

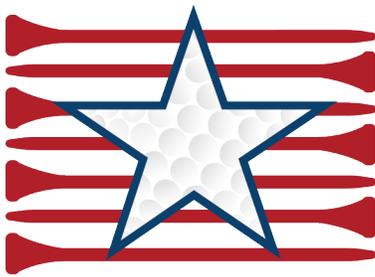
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All attendees lodging with the Golf Clinic will be assigned a roommate. If there is someone you would like to room with, please indicate their name below:



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VA Employees Only

What is your parent facility or duty station (CBOC, etc.)?

Are you attending with a Veteran or a group of Veterans? No Yes (please list below)

Do you possess any training or experience in the following specialties?

BROS	VIST	PT	PTA	OT	COTA	Prosthetist
Chiropractic	Massage Therapy	Rec Therapy	Social Work	Psychology		Psychiatry
LPN	RN	PA	ARNP	MD		

Please list any certifications that may be of use at the golf clinic (i.e., battlefield acupuncture, acupressure, tai chi, yoga, etc.):

Do you currently have any of the following that you can use/bring to the clinic if needed for your role?

VA issued laptop	VA issued cell phone #	Citrix/CAG remote access to the VA network
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What type of leave will you be requesting for the NDVGC? (check one)

LA - Annual Leave	RG - Official Government Travel	LN - No Cost Government Travel
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All VA employees MUST provide supervisor approval for the application to be processed.

Supervisor Name and Title:

Supervisor Signature:

Date:



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PLEASE RETAIN THIS SHEET FOR REFERENCING

1. Privacy Act Information: I understand all officially journalized volunteers are covered under the *PRIVACY ACT, PUBLIC LAW 93-579*, that unlawful disclosure of patient related information to unauthorized individuals is against the law and the volunteer(s) is subject to a \$5,000 fine. (The words "unauthorized individuals" means anyone).
2. I hereby waive all claims to monetary benefits for services rendered as a volunteer worker on a "without compensation basis." I understand that this waiver applies only to compensation for specific services rendered in the Voluntary Service Program at the National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic and has no relation to compensation for other services or benefits to which I may be entitled.
3. I understand that the National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic has the right to terminate, at any time, my authorization to serve as a volunteer for unsatisfactory performance, unbecoming behavior/conduct, and /or for violation of established policy and/or procedures (38 U.S.C. 513).
4. Volunteers are responsible for:
 - a. Completing the application forms in full.
 - b. Carrying out the duties of their assignment under the direction of assignment supervisor.
 - c. Completing all required training prior to the *National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic*.
 - d. Reporting for duty in a timely manner and being prepared for the assignment.
 - e. Wearing appropriate clothing to perform their assignment.
 - f. Contacting your assignment supervisor in advance if sick or otherwise unable to report for duty.
 - g. Reporting immediately to the *National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic Medical Clinic* if injured while on assignment.
5. Please Note:
 - a. Accepted volunteers will be provided meals.
 - b. Accepted volunteers are expected to support the program and their assignment supervisors throughout their assigned shift.
 - c. Any pertinent clinic information can be obtained at the Command Center.
 - d. Lost and found is located at the Command Center.

NDVGC Code of Conduct Volunteer Agreement

The National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic is a Department of Veterans Affairs/Disabled American Veterans co-sponsored event. The program is an outreach of the Iowa City VA Health Care System and Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23. Compliance with VA regulations and policies by staff and volunteers is expected during this program. Possessing weapons, non-prescribed drugs, drug paraphernalia, non-performance of assignment, exhibiting disruptive, abusive or unbecoming behavior, and harassment of others in any form will not be tolerated and will result in immediate expulsion from this program and will affect future involvement.

The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Disabled American Veterans work to promote a safe environment for everyone involved with the program. Observing these policies will aid in our efforts for a safe program.

Any violations will be taken to the National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic Director who will make the final decision on what action will be taken.

Acknowledgment of Volunteer Information Sheet/Code of Conduct
Please return this form by June 5, 2026

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the above information. I also acknowledge that I have specifically read and understood the information regarding 1) The Right to Privacy Act, 2) Waiving Claim to Monetary Benefits, and 3) NDVGC Code of Conduct.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINT NAME

Please return signature page only and keep the rest of the information for your records to reference.