

About the Program

PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is the flagship military program of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America. PGA HOPE introduces golf to Veterans with to enhance their physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being.

The Program introduces the game of golf through a developmental 6 week curriculum taught by PGA Professionals trained in adaptive and military cultural competency. ALL Programs are funded by PGA REACH and supplemented by PGA Section Foundations. **THE COST OF THE PROGRAMMING IS FREE TO ALL VETERANS.**

PGA HOPE has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which enables Recreational Therapists to refer Veterans to the PGA HOPE program as a form of therapy. Through a robust strategy, PGA HOPE aspires to create physically and emotionally healthier Veteran community by shaping lives, changing lives, and possibly saving lives through the game of golf.



NMSU GC will be offering TWO(2) - SIX(6) week sessions of the PGA HOPE Program for our Veteran and military community.

Session 1: Will meet EVERY Thursday for SIX(6) weeks: September 22nd - October 27th

Session 2: Will meet EVERY Saturday for SIX(6) weeks: October 29th - December 10th
*no class Nov. 26th

NMSU GC Will provide all necessary equipment throughout the program .

Both session will meet from 1:00—2:30 PM with the last session meeting from 3:00-5:30 PM. As part of the PGA HOPE program NMSU GC will host a graduation dinner for participants and family after the last session.

As part of the program veterans will be guided through all aspects of the Game of Golf by PGA Professionals, PGA Associates and PGA Golf Management Students. Whether a Veteran is brand new to the Game of Golf or has previous experience all participants will benefit from the lesson programming.

Day 1: Program Overview and Putting
Day 2: Chipping and Pitching
Day 3: Iron Play
Day 4: Driver and Fairway woods
Day 5: Golf Course Experience
Day 6: Golf Course Experience/Graduation

NMSU GC Military/Veteran Programming/Opportunities

- **PGA HOPE - FREE instructional programming**
- **PGA Junior League: Scholarship opportunities available for kids of military and veterans**
- **Rental Clubs - FREE for Graduates of PGA HOPE Programming**
- **AGGIE Range CLUB - \$35.99* a month: includes Range Balls and FREE Golf *(\$12.99 for additional family members)**
- **Green Fees—Discounts available for Military/Veterans**



How to Sign UP & Questions

To Sign UP for the PGA HOPE Program and or to inquire about any of the opportunities for our military and veteran community please call the Golf Course at 575-646-3219.

Visit Golf.nmsu.edu for more information.

If you have any questions please contact Jason White, PGA Director of Golf/GM at 575-646-3362 or Jaw@nmsu.edu

PGA HOPE Graduate Testimonies



Will Stockholm

“The PGA HOPE Program has meant a lot to me in the fact that it fosters an environment of safety, trust and genuine support for the overall wellness of the veteran community. Nowhere else have I been able to feel comfortable and completely welcomed given the challenges I had integrating back into society after leaving the Marine Corps.

With multiple combat tours to Iraq and Afghanistan. The environment that PGA HOPE creates for veteran saved me from the dark place I was stuck in; attributed to the staff and PGA Professionals’ authenticity, the lesson learned about the game of golf that parallel life’s challenges, and the culture of camaraderie amongst all veterans participating. It’s as if I’ve been given a “breath of fresh air” and can start to enjoy life again.”



Matt Underwood

“The PGA HOPE Program has given me new purpose and direction. As a PTSD and suicide survivor, I have found golf as an incredible tool for focusing on the positive in life, and dealing with the negative by providing challenges, rewards, camaraderie, and personal development.”



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