

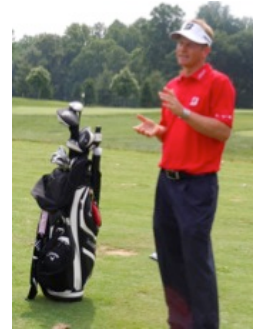
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Warrior Clinic Promotes Rehabilitation & Sports

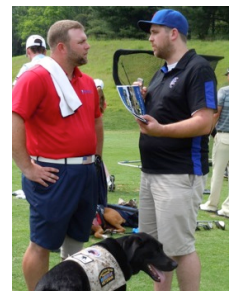
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A tremendous turnout of 40 **Salute Military Golf Association (SMGA)** Wounded Warriors and numerous **Web.com Tour** professionals were at TPC Potomac on Tuesday for the **Mid-Atlantic Championship's Warrior Clinic**. Serving as the host of the clinic was veteran pro golfer **Billy Hurley**, a graduate of the **United States Naval Academy** who had a tour of duty in Iraq during **Operation Iraqi Freedom**.



The event began with a welcome introduction by SMGA Executive Director, **Gretchen Hamm**. Hurley then was next to address the group. He began his talk by discussing his military background and then thanked the veterans for their service and spoke directly to the touring pros about how much golf and this clinic means to these men and women who were injured during their military service. Hurley also shared a story that one of the SMGA veterans told him about how he uses golf as a daily holistic form of enduring rehabilitation and empowerment.

After introducing his fellow pro golfers, Hurley had each of the pros take to the range and showcase their long drive skills. **Chris Bowers**, a wounded warrior, then took to the tee and displayed his ability, smashing a long drive and earning a round of applause from all the attendees. Following the exhibition of the heavy hitters, the warriors took to the tees for one-on-one instruction time with the pros.



“To see my guys out here with the tour pros, hitting balls as a professional is very special,” said Hamm, who played a major role in coordinating the event. “Golf is the most charitable whether it’s SMGA being the host charity of the tournament or what we turn around and do for our warriors.”



Retired Air Force General **James Young** also attended the event showing his support for the SMGA warriors. Young spent time talking with veterans and also had the opportunity to have a special session with a tour pro.

