PGA
Michigan Section

BIO OF SPECIAL AWARDS CANDIDATE

Name of Nominee: Dean Marks

Year Elected to Membership: 1997

Award Nominated for: Patriot Award

Briefly describe your achievements/accomplishments that would pertain to this award:

I have participated in the PGA HOPE program at the VA hospital in Battle Creek since it's inception in 2012. We host two 5-week sessions on Tuesday afternoons, one in the spring and one in the fall. We average about 20 participants per session. Working with the veterans is an extremely rewarding way to utilize my golf skills.

I have participated in the VA Golf Tournament, held the Tuesday after Memorial Day for the last 20 years. It's a fun time to play with friends while having a Veteran caddie for you. I think most of the Veterans who've caddied for me think anyone can play this game after they've seen me play.

As Director of Golf for the 3 Kalamazo City owned golf courses, I feel it is important to not only offer discounts to Veterans who want to play golf, but to also offer employment to Veterans. I've had dozens of Veterans over the years in various roles at the golf courses.

I display Folds of Honor material and make annual donations of at least $500 to the Folds of Honor.