

2023 Special Awards Candidate Bio Form

Please send this form back no later Friday, October 21, 2022.

If you were nominated for more than one award you must **submit a bio form for each award**.

Email *

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Name of Nominee: *

Bob Bales

Award Nominated for: *

patriot

Facility Employed at: *

Angels Crossing GC

Year Elected to Membership: *

1995

Please describe your achievements/accomplishments that would pertain to this award. *

I currently serve on the PGA National HOPE Committee.

Since 2012 I have been the coordinator of the HOPE program at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center. In the time that the Battle Creek program has been operating we have provide lessons to over 300 veterans.

In 2000 when the Section decided to drop the annual PGA/VA Tournament from the section schedule, I was the President of the WMPGA and we decided to pick up the event in the Chapter. Since then I have acted as the tournament director and coordinated with the VA staff in arranging veteran caddies for the players as well a procured gifts for the caddies as well as donations for the golf programs at the facility. These gifts have include cash, golf cars, sets of clubs, mowing equipment as well as support for other facility recreation programs. All told the donations have totaled approximately \$40,000.00.

In 2021-2022 I did about 10 golf 101 clinics for inpatient veterans so that they would be able to use the golf facilities on the grounds during free time in their treatment programs.

I have participated in some form of fundraising for Folds of Honor since the inception of the program.

I previously was given this award in 2014 as well as earning the Player Development Award in 2010 and the Professional Development Award in 2009. I have served in every capacity for the WMPGA and the Michigan Section and am the current Honorary President.

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