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 * iziska@americandunesgolfclub.com
Name of Nominee: * lan Ziska
Award Nominated for: * Patriot Award
Facility Employed at: * American Dunes Golf Club
Year Elected to Membership: * 2001

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

IAN ZISKA, PGA - PATRIOT AWARD

To be one of many PGA Members recognized for supporting our military, Folds of Honor, PGA Hope, and other Veteran Organizations is an honor, as many deserve this special award.

I'm grateful to be one of the PGA Professionals at American Dunes who works daily to support American Heros and our service men and women. As the Head Golf Professional, I lead a team to deliver something extraordinary. At the same time, we showcase, educate, and support the Folds of Honor Foundation, as every day is Patriot Golf Day. But, more so, to be able to do what I love, support our mission, and serve our guests and American heroes is beyond humbling. Being a Patriot is not something you do. It's who you are and how you live. Expressing gratitude to our American Heroes, hosting guests playing golf's most heroic round, and supporting veterans through golf changes the lives of the families of heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice. It's not a single thing or one event, it's every day, and I'm proud of the small part I play.

My effort to support American heroes, individuals, and families impacted by the Folds of Honor, is constant. I am actively supporting Folds of Honor Chapters across the country, providing them with the Most Patriotic Gear in Golf to help with their fundraising efforts. I also work closely with organizations and groups, including the VGA, providing high-level events and tournament formats and offering playing opportunities for veterans.

As we begin planning and preparations for our third season at American Dunes, my focus is steadfastly supporting and delivering a unique and memorable experience to guests, upholding our mission, and supporting Folds of Honor and PGA HOPE. Additionally, I will actively recruit and add fellow Patriots and Veterans to our team, striving to deliver an unmatched experience in golf, showcasing a remarkable Jack Nicklaus Signature Design while supporting our veterans at the birthplace of the Folds of Honor.

Thank you for the opportunity to share. I am humbled and grateful for the nomination for this extraordinary award.

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