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"Our Mission:

RevelationGolf uses the game of golf as a therapeutic tool to improve physical capability and emotional stability while providing camaraderie for veterans and the enlisted military community and their families."

Give the Gift of Hope and Healing

It is a huge blessing to say RevelationGolf is 20 years old this year. It is by God's grace and your goodness and support, that we have been able to carry out our mission of "using the game of golf as a therapeutic tool to improve physical capability and emotional stability while providing camaraderie for veterans and the enlisted military community." In fact, this past summer, RevelationGolf adapted this updated mission statement to better reflect the heart of our mission.

Recently, a number of our participants have shared how RevelationGolf's Military/Veteran program has impacted their lives. Don, who's PTS is a result of his service with the 82nd Airborne in Operation Iraqi Freedom said, "I never imagined playing golf would help me fine peace from my PTS. It's amazing, I am able to be calm, peaceful, no anxiety." Another veteran, Emil said, "playing golf is awesome, I have to force my self to totally concentrate, it's liberating that I can get to that level of concentration after years of my mind going forward and backward and not being able to concentrate." And George shared, "Thank you for letting me be in this program. What a blessing to learn the game, have fun and fellowship, it is just awesome."

Words alone will never express the gratitude we have to you all, for standing with us and sharing in our mission to help one veteran at a time in their healing and recovery. These three veterans represent the hundreds who have worked with us this year and have begun to see their lives changed for with this wonderful game of golf.

Each person who donates to RevelationGolf, is part of the celebration of life-changing Healing and, the restoring of Hope, especially for our Military/Veterans and their families. We humbly ask you to be part of our team and support our mission with your financial support so that together we can share in the joy of lives filled with Hope and Healing. You can mail in a donation to our office at PO Box 91831 Elk Grove, IL 60007 or you can make a donation on-line at our website, www.revelationgolf.org and hit the donate button on the left. Thank you so very much for helping us give Hope and Healing.

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Veterans Golf Days

Once again, this year, RevelationGolf hosted two Veteran Golf Day events. One for our veterans at Veterans Memorial and the other for Jesse Brown VAMC and Hines VA at Cog Hill and the Chicago District Golf Association. These special events give our veterans an opportunity to compete in different skills and share a great sense of camaraderie with one another during the lunch that is provided. It is a blessing to see the joy our veterans have from the game of golf and being able to grow in their skills together and cheer another on. What was really special this year, was the number of veterans who sent messages after the event, expressing their appreciation and sharing little stories of how much they love this program and the fun they had.

Special thank you to the Chicago District Golf Association Foundation for sponsoring these events with us and Randy Heinrich from Cog Hill for hosting the morning portion of our day and making us feel so welcome. We also want to thank you, our supporter for making these events possible through your financial support, which make all our programs possible.



Veterans Golf Day at Veterans Memorial.



Veterans Golf Day at Cog Hill and The Bob Berry Sunshine Course.

2026 Annual Golf Fundraiser

RevelationGolf is thrilled to announce that our 2026 Annual Fundraiser will be held Monday **June 8 2026** at Cantigny Golf in Wheaton, IL. Cantigny has partnered with RevelationGolf since 2005 and is host to our monthly golf clinics for our veterans. Online registration will open February 1, 2026 at our website, www.revelationgolf.org. We need your help to make the event a success, so if you know of a company that might be willing to be a sponsor or a golf course, that might want to donate an item or a foursome, please, let us know. Now mark your calendar for June 8th and come out and join us as we celebrate the blessings RevelationGolf has made in the lives of others.

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A Word From Our Participants

RevelationGolf has had a very busy summer and fall season, with clinics, a PGA HOPE series, and special events. We have also been able to provide our weekly PTS programs, Military Kids Summer Camp and our Active Duty-Parent/Child at Veterans Memorial GC. The PGA HOPE program at Cantigny and many clinics and special events at the Chicago District Golf Association Bob Berry Sunshine Course and our monthly programs and special events at Cantigny Golf. With six weeks left in the year, RevelationGolf has conducted 134 clinics and special events. THANK YOU for being a blessing to those we serve and standing with us to make the lives of others so much better. We also want to give special thanks to Cantigny Golf, Veterans Memorial, The Chicago District Golf Association Foundation, the Illinois Section of the PGA Foundation for hosting and supporting our events.









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Coach's Corner

RevelationGolf is often asked, "Why golf and how does it help." We thought it would be a good time to share some reasons with you and explain how our specific clinic goals support healing and give hope to our veterans and the military community. We also want to point out that this summer, RevelationGolf changed our mission statement to better define our purpose, which is, "RevelationGolf uses the game of golf as a therapeutic tool to improve physical capability and emotional stability while providing camaraderie for veterans and the enlisted military community and their families."

RevelationGolf has five goals for every clinic: 1. Reduce depression and anxiety, 2. Help participants learn new skills that help them refocus onto something positive, 3. Increase communication and socialization skill, 4. Learn how to set small measurable goals, and 5. Increase physical activity to assist in preventing a sedentary lifestyle. Each week we ask our new participants to complete a survey with these questions to help us gauge whether we are meeting our goals. What we notice in many, is how they begin to engage in conversation, share stories from their life, interact positively with staff and other veterans, begin to make plans to play golf after discharge and even, improve in their golf skills. It is important to remember that while we all love the game of golf, it is first a therapeutic tool to help bring our veterans together and help them heal and recover together, as many veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, homelessness, or substance addiction, tend to isolate themselves and have a very sedentary lifestyle. This happens for many because they fear sharing their stories with people who may not understand what they have seen, experienced, and lived through.

While in the 2024 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, conducted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veteran Suicide rate has dropped from 22 veterans a day to 17.6, it is still way too high. RevelationGolf does not claim to be a treatment program for veterans, but rather a program to help them engage in life again, as they heal and find hope in our world.

As part of RevelationGolf's protocol, every participant has a medical release form signed by their physician before beginning our programs and this is completed annually, as well as after a change in their physical or mental health. All RevelationGolf staff members receive special training before working in our programs so they have knowledge to best serve and work with, our participants.

Your support of RevelationGolf makes every program we provide possible as we together seek to give back to our veterans and help them heal and find hope for a better tomorrow.

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