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### **Farmington Bank Makes Multi-Year Commitment as Presenting Sponsor of Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open**

*Bank's Commitment Bodes Well for Continued Growth, Success  
of Area's Largest Charity Golf Event Supporting Area Veterans*

**New Britain, Conn., June 2, 2014** – [Farmington Bank](#) has made a multi-year commitment to be Presenting Sponsor of the region's premier veterans charity golf event, the [Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open](#), signaling its ongoing commitment to serving area veterans and their families and ensuring the continued fund-raising success of the rapidly growing event.

The Sixth Annual Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open will take place on Thursday, October 2, 2014, at Tunxis Plantation Country Club in Farmington. The event, hosted by the [Disabled American Veterans, Hardware City \(New Britain\) Chapter 8](#), raises funds for the DAV, [House of Heroes Connecticut](#) and [Friends of Fisher House Connecticut](#), among other veterans' charities.

In the past three years – the past two of which Farmington Bank has served as Presenting Sponsor – the "GK" has raised \$24,000 for causes serving veterans from the Greater New Britain area and beyond. The new commitment extends Farmington Bank's partnership with the Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open through the 2016 charity tournament.

"Farmington Bank takes great pride in being an active partner in our communities," said John J. Patrick, Jr., Farmington Bank chairman, president and CEO. "We have the utmost respect for the service and sacrifice of America's veterans, and are honored to sponsor this great event that benefits them and their families."

"The Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open is growing by leaps and bounds, and local veterans and those who support them are jumping aboard the GK train daily," said Tournament Founder and Director Dennis Buden. "This event's rapid growth and fund-raising impact is directly attributable to the leadership that Farmington Bank has shown as a local institution committed to our veterans."

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A first-time-ever sold out field of more than 140 players is expected for the event.

Platinum level sponsors of last year's event were AT&T Connecticut and Stanley Black & Decker. Additional major supporters included the Hospital of Central Connecticut, Tomasso Group, Okay Industries, the Creed Law Firm and Sir Speedy Printing and Marketing Services.

Online registration is now available at [www.goldenkielbasa.org](http://www.goldenkielbasa.org). The fee is \$135 per player, which includes range, greens fees, cart, premium gift bag, lunch and beverages on the course, prizes and a post-golf dinner at the Tunxis Plantation Pavilion. The shotgun start is at 11:30 a.m., with registration beginning at 10 a.m. A wide variety of sponsor opportunities are available beginning as low as \$100.

Farmington Bank is a full-service community bank with 22 branch locations throughout central Connecticut. Established in 1851, Farmington Bank is a diversified consumer and commercial bank with an ongoing commitment to contribute to the betterment of the communities in its region. Farmington Bank, with assets of more than \$2.2 billion, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Connecticut Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ Global Select Market: FBNK). For more information about Farmington Bank, visit [farmingtonbankct.com](http://farmingtonbankct.com).

The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans is a non-profit 501(c)(4) charity dedicated to building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families. The Hardware City Chapter works hard to support New Britain-area vets through many programs and services, including the DAV Transportation Program which provides rides for veterans to the VA hospital and other appointments; "Christmas in February" which provides gifts and supplies to veterans at the VA Hospital; "Stand Down" which provides homeless and less fortunate vets and their families with clothing, medical, legal and other personal assistance; Operation Gift Cards which supplies wounded and injured troops at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center with military store gift cards and thank you kits; and the "Forget-Me-Not" program which raises much-needed funds for programs and services.

Founded in January 2000, House of Heroes is a nonprofit organization serving the nation's military and public safety veterans (and their spouses) who are disabled, living on a fixed income, or facing other physical/financial challenges. Volunteers perform minor repairs and make improvements to the homes of veterans and their spouses—at no cost to the veteran. The House of Heroes Connecticut chapter was established last year and is in the midst of a statewide expansion of service, including repair and renovation of veterans' homes in the Greater New Britain area. Several New Britain-area veterans homes are slated to be repaired this upcoming Memorial Day weekend – for more information and to volunteer e-mail [carol@houseofheroesct.org](mailto:carol@houseofheroesct.org).

The Fisher House Foundation builds and maintains long-term residential facilities near military hospitals nationwide, which provide a home-away-from-home for family members of seriously injured soldiers who need a place to stay during their loved one's long rehabilitation process. Friends of Fisher House Connecticut is in the midst of a \$3 million fund-raising campaign for the construction of a Fisher House on the campus of the VA Healthcare System in West Haven.

For more information on the Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open, please contact Tournament Director Dennis Buden at [dennis@goldenkielbasa.org](mailto:dennis@goldenkielbasa.org) or 860-558-0514, or visit [www.goldenkielbasa.org](http://www.goldenkielbasa.org) for more information and complete details.