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### **Central Connecticut's Largest Veterans Charity Golf Event Slated for September 27 at Stanley Golf Course**

*Farmington Bank is Presenting Sponsor of Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open;  
Disabled American Veterans, House of Heroes, Fisher House Among Beneficiaries*

**New Britain, Conn., April 29, 2013** – The fifth annual [Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open](#), which over the past four years has established itself as Central Connecticut's largest and most renowned veterans charity golf event, will take place on Friday, September 27 at [Stanley Golf Course](#).

[Farmington Bank](#) will return for the second consecutive year as Presenting Sponsor for the event, hosted by and for the benefit of Hardware City Chapter 8 of the [Disabled American Veterans](#) (DAV) and its chosen causes serving Central Connecticut vets and beyond. [House of Heroes Connecticut](#) and the [Friends of Fisher House Connecticut](#) will also share in the event's net proceeds.

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

The 2012 Golden Kielbasa saw more than 100 golfers and dozens of corporate sponsors and individual donors help raise \$10,000 for Connecticut veterans. Funds raised by last year's event supported a diverse array of veterans programs with New Britain- and Connecticut-based ties including Purple Heart Homes, House of Heroes Connecticut, Friends of Fisher House Connecticut, the DAV Transportation Fund, the Connecticut National Guard Foundation, the Marine Corps Family Foundation and the veterans section of New Britain's Fairview Cemetery.

"With the return of Farmington Bank as our Presenting Sponsor and a top-notch facility in Stanley Golf Course, we expect our biggest and most successful event yet," said Tournament Director Dennis Buden.

"The Hardware City Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans is proud to host this special event," added Ron Pelletier, Commander of DAV Hardware City Chapter 8. "As a local chapter of one of the nation's largest and most respected veterans' charities, it is our duty and privilege to see to it that all net proceeds of this event benefit and honor the service and sacrifice of Connecticut veterans."

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On-line registration is available now at [www.goldenkielbasa.org](http://www.goldenkielbasa.org). The fee is \$125 per player, which includes range, greens fees, cart, premium gift bag, lunch and beverages on the course, prizes and a post-golf barbeque. The shotgun start is at 11:30 a.m., with registration beginning at 10 a.m. A wide variety of sponsor support opportunities are available beginning as low as \$100.

Following golf, an outdoor picnic and awards ceremony will take place at the [Polish Falcons Nest #88](#) Pavilion and Picnic Grounds on Farmington Avenue in New Britain. Southington's [Smokin' with Chris](#) restaurant will prepare a fabulous southern barbeque for players and guests. The post-golf event will include ceremonies honoring a distinguished New Britain-area veteran or veterans to be announced.

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.

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 fundraising campaign for the construction of a Fisher House on the campus of the VA Healthcare System in West Haven.

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