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New Britain Iwo Jima War Heroes to be Honored At 7th Annual Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open

Tributes to Dabrowski, Roman and the Late Ray Greene Mark 70th Anniversary of Iwo Jima and End of World War II; Event Aims to Raise \$20,000 for Vets Causes

New Britain, Conn., July 2, 2015 – The honoring of three New Britain war heroes who put their lives on the line in the South Pacific during World War II, including during the Battle of Iwo Jima, will be the highlight of this year's [Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open](#), presented by [Farmington Bank](#), on Thursday, October 1, at Tunxis Plantation Country Club in Farmington.

Hosted by the [Disabled American Veterans, Hardware City Chapter 8](#), the "GK" is the largest veterans charity golf event in Central Connecticut, having raised more than \$40,000 in the past four years for causes serving veterans from the Greater New Britain area and beyond. Primary beneficiaries are the DAV, [House of Heroes Connecticut](#) and [Friends of Fisher House Connecticut](#).

Some 150-plus golfers and 200 attendees at the post-golf barbeque in the Tunxis Pavilion will be treated to special ceremonies honoring New Britain's Stan Dabrowski, Joe Roman and the late Ray Greene. Dabrowski and Roman, along with members of their families, and family members of Greene will be in attendance as will a number of local dignitaries and veterans organization officials.

"In this 70th anniversary year of both the end of World War II and of the Battle of Iwo Jima, the bloodiest battle in Marine history, it is appropriate that we take time out to salute those still among us – and those we've lost – who played a vital role in preserving our American freedom so long ago," said Tournament Founder and Director Dennis Buden. "As the passing of Ray Greene in April sadly teaches us, we have precious little time left to honor our Greatest Generation."

Dabrowski, a New Britain native who will turn 91 in September, was a medical corpsman with the 28th Marine Regiment on Iwo Jima during February and March of 1945. He was in the thick of the action on the embattled island, treating untold numbers of wounded. "The intense fury, deafening noise, concussion and carnage all around us was mind-boggling," he recalls. Dabrowski earned multiple medals

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for his heroism and service, and went on to a distinguished career as a microbiologist, mostly at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford.

Roman, 92, also a New Britain native, was a radio operator with the Third Joint Assault Signal Company, Third Marine Division, fighting in the Battles of both Guam and Iwo Jima. In an open field on Guam in August, 1944, Roman was operating a radio when his partner, charged with guarding him, took a bullet through the helmet and head, killing him instantly. "We didn't have time to be scared," says Roman. Roman also is a proud survivor of the Battle of Iwo Jima where he managed vital ship-to-shore and ship-to-air radio communications. Roman had a long career as an Interstate Commerce Commission practitioner in the transportation industry.

Greene, who was 89 when he passed, was a U.S. Navy aerial gunner and dive bomber who took part in 23 World War II combat missions, including missions over Tokyo, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross twice for valor, as well as three air medals and battle stars for his service in the Pacific Theater. A legendary figure in the New Britain community who played an instrumental role in the recent restoration of the Campbell Square World War II Veterans Memorial in New Britain, Greene was a true renaissance man, wearing at various times in his life the hats of paperboy, war hero, commercial artist, tool-and-die maker, English and art teacher, teacher of the Gaelic language, storyteller extraordinaire, marathon runner – and frequent guest and singer of the National Anthem at National Iwo Jima Memorial events.

Additional major sponsors of the Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open include Stanley Black & Decker, the Starlight Program at Stonington Institute, the Petit Family Foundation, the Tomasso Group, Okay Industries, the Hospital of Central Connecticut, the Creed Law Firm and Gaffney, Bennett and Associates. The New Britain Herald/Bristol Press is the event's media sponsor.

Online registration is available now available at 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 post-golf dinner and raffle. 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.

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