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### **Another Record: Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open Raises \$25,000 for Connecticut Veterans**

*DAV Event Benefitting House of Heroes, Fisher House and More Keeps Growing*

**New Britain, Conn., November 3, 2016** – Now eight years into its mission of raising funds for Connecticut veterans, the [Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open](#) keeps growing and growing.

Further cementing its status as the largest veterans charity golf event in Connecticut, some 185 golfers and more than 250 dinner guests turned out at Tunxis Plantation Country Club in Farmington on September 29, helping the Disabled American Veterans, Hardware City Chapter 8 raise a record \$25,000 for causes serving Connecticut vets.

In the past six years, the “GK,” presented by Farmington Bank, has raised \$87,000 for Connecticut veterans.

“We are proud to have the DAV name associated with this event, and thankful for the enormous support of our golfers, sponsors and so many more who have made the Golden Kielbasa the premier veterans golf outing in the state,” said DAV Chapter 8 Commander Dennis Taricani.

“Farmington Bank is proud to present the Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open each year,” said John Patrick, chairman, president and CEO of Farmington Bank. “The event allows us to demonstrate how much we appreciate the service and sacrifice of our veterans in a very meaningful and tangible way.”

The major beneficiaries of the event are House of Heroes Connecticut, Friends of Fisher House Connecticut and DAV Chapter 8. Additional beneficiaries this year include the veterans program at Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center, Bristol; Mo’s Closet at the VA Medical Center in Newington, a DAV Chapter 12-operated veterans assistance program that provides veterans in need with clothing (new and used) and various personal supplies and sundries; the DAV Department of Connecticut transportation and gift card programs; and the Global War on Terrorism Monument proposed to be located in New Britain.

The event was highlighted by ceremonies honoring Bristol Vietnam combat veteran and Distinguished Service Cross recipient John Hogan.

Platinum sponsors of the 2016 Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open were Stanley Black & Decker, the Tomasso Group, the Creed Law Firm and Atlantic Restoration and Remodeling. Gold sponsors were Bourdon Forge, Frontier Communications, the New Britain Bees, the Petit Family Foundation and Whitson's School Nutrition. Silver sponsors included Gaffney Bennett & Associates, New Britain Memorial-Sagarino Funeral Home, Okay Industries, Sir Speedy Printing and Marketing Services/New Britain and William & Donna Rutola. The New Britain Herald/Bristol Press was the event's media sponsor.

Next year's Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open will take place on Thursday, September 28, 2017, again at Tunxis Plantation Country Club.

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