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House of Heroes Co-Founder Bill May to be Honored Posthumously at 9th Annual Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open

State's Largest Veterans Charity Golf Event Set for September 28

New Britain, Conn., June 29, 2017 – For the last four years of his life, 24-year Army aviation veteran and House of Heroes Connecticut (HOHCT) Co-Founder Bill May dedicated his every waking moment to honoring service with service, establishing and growing the veterans service organization not only in Connecticut, but nationwide.

On September 28, it will be May who will be honored.

The <u>Disabled American Veterans</u>, <u>Hardware City Chapter 8</u> and <u>Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open</u> will honor May, who lost his two-year battle with cancer in December, at the 9th annual event, presented by <u>Farmington Bank</u>, on September 28 at Tunxis Plantation Country Club in Farmington. More than 200 golfers and 300 guests at the post-golf dinner and ceremonies are expected to be on hand for what has become Connecticut's largest veterans charity golf event.

The "GK" has raised nearly \$90,000 for veterans causes over the past six years and is expected to raise more than \$25,000 this year alone. Beneficiaries are <u>House of Heroes Connecticut</u>, <u>Friends of Fisher House Connecticut</u> and DAV Chapter 8.

"As we approach nearly 10 years golfing and raising important funds for great veterans causes, there is no more perfect honoree than Bill May, a veteran himself who dedicated his post-military service life to helping other veterans," said tournament founder and director Dennis Buden, who became executive director of House of Heroes Connecticut in January. "Bill's reach was far and wide and accordingly, we expect Connecticut's premier veterans charity golf event to be even larger and more special."

House of Heroes recognizes, honors and serves military and public safety veterans and/or their spouses by providing one day, no-cost home repairs. Since its founding in 2012, HOHCT has provided repairs for 74 Connecticut military and public safety veterans in 34 cities and towns throughout Connecticut. Including out-of-state projects, HOHCT has completed 83 projects through May, 2017.

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Last year, some 185 golfers raised \$25,000 as the event honored Vietnam veteran and Distinguished Service Cross recipient John Hogan of Bristol.

Additional major sponsors of the Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open include Stanley Black & Decker, the Tomasso Group, the Creed Law Firm and Atlantic Restoration and Remodeling. A wide variety of sponsorship opportunities beginning at \$100 are available.

Online registration is available now at www.goldenkielbasa.org. The fee is \$150 per player, which includes range, greens fees, cart, premium gift bag, lunch and beverages on the course, prizes and postgolf dinner and raffle. The shotgun start is at 11 a.m., with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m.

For further information about 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 complete details.

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