



Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open

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Iraq War Hero Dale Beatty, Founder of Purple Heart Homes, Among Guests at Friday's Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open

*New Britain Marine Manny Jimenez to be Honored; 120 Golfers, Up to 200 Guests
Expected to Help Raise Funds for Veterans Causes*

New Britain, Conn. (September 19, 2012) – Dale Beatty, the advocate for disabled veterans and co-founder of North Carolina-based Purple Heart Homes who lost both of his legs below the knee during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004, will be among the special guests to be on hand and play in this Friday's [Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open](#) charity golf tournament at Timberlin Golf Club.

The event, presented by [Farmington Bank](#), expects nearly 120 golfers and a capacity crowd at the VFW New Britain Picnic Pavilion for the post-golf dinner and ceremonies honoring New Britain Marine Manny Jimenez, who himself lost his left arm during a routine foot patrol in Afghanistan in 2010. More than \$8,000 and upwards of \$10,000 is expected to be raised for the Hardware City Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, Purple Heart Homes and for the purchase of American flags in the Veterans Section of New Britain's Fairview Cemetery.

Beatty will introduce Jimenez during the ceremonies, which are expected to begin at approximately 5:30 p.m. Also on hand will be New Britain Mayor Tim O'Brien and Farmington Bank Senior Vice President Eric Schwab. The ceremonies will feature the New Britain High School Junior ROTC Color Guard; the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commander William Kochanowski of New Britain's Northwestern Veterans, T.G.M. Memorial Post; taps performed by Richard Wearne of the Marine Corps League, Hardware City Detachment #781; prayer offered by Robert Nowik, Surgeon, VFW Post #511; and a Moment of Silence honoring all New Britain area veterans no longer with us.

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Beatty served in all positions of a Field Artillery Unit until 2003 when he was selected to become the full time National Guard Readiness NCO for the Statesville Unit. In 2004, SSG Beatty was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where his unit was attached directly to the 1st Infantry Division near Bayji, Iraq. On November 15, 2004 while on a patrol route that was littered with highly active insurgent operations, the vehicle Beatty was riding in was ripped apart by anti-tank mines. The explosion was so severe that it left Beatty a double amputee below the knees.

Also in that vehicle and also severely injured was John Gallina. The two chose to take their shared, traumatic experience in a positive, productive direction, founding Purple Heart Homes in 2008. Purple Heart Homes is dedicated to providing personalized housing solutions for service-connected disabled veterans and their families – homes that are fit to welcome home and thank the fighting men and women of America.

Purple Heart Homes, along with the Glastonbury Rotary Club and countless volunteers, recently completed construction of a barrier-free home in Glastonbury for Cpl. Jimenez, and is planning another construction project soon for another Central Connecticut disabled veteran.

The Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open is still accepting last-minute golf registrations at \$125 per player. Registration begins at 10 a.m. for an 11:30 a.m. shotgun start. Those interested in attending the ceremonies and dinner only may do so at \$25 per person. As space is limited, it is requested that those interested in attending reserve their place in advance. Walk-ups will be accepted as space allows, and donations are welcome as well.

For further golf, sponsor, donation or dinner attendance information, please contact Tournament Director Dennis Buden at dennis@goldenkielbasa.org, 860-558-0514, or visit www.goldenkielbasa.org.