



Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open

Benefitting Connecticut War Veterans

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Veterans Charity Golf Event to Honor Wounded Afghan Vet

Connecticut Marine Manny Jimenez to be Feted at Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open

New Britain, Conn. (June 6, 2012) – Marine Corporal, New Britain native and Purple Heart recipient Manny Jimenez, who was severely wounded during a routine foot patrol in Afghanistan in 2010, will be the guest of honor on Friday, September 21, at the 2012 Golden Kielbasa Veterans Open golf event benefitting our nation's war veterans.

Registrations for foursomes are now being accepted for the fourth annual event, to take place at Timberlin Golf Club in Berlin with a post-golf dinner and awards barbeque at the VFW Post #511 Picnic Pavilion in New Britain. Players are encouraged to register early at www.goldenkielbasa.org as spaces are expected to fill quickly. A wide variety of sponsorship opportunities are available, as well.

Hosted by the Northwestern Veterans, T.G.M. Memorial Post, this year's event will be significantly larger and include a broader veterans' charity component. Beneficiaries will be:

- **Purple Heart Homes, Inc.**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing personalized housing solutions for disabled veterans and their families, homes that are fit to welcome home – and thank – the fighting men and women of America. Purple Heart Homes worked with the Town of Glastonbury and Glastonbury Rotary to help mobilize the all-volunteer construction of a new barrier-free home for Cpl. Jimenez.
- The **Disabled American Veterans (Hardware City Chapter 8)**, a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization dedicated to building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families through grassroots advocacy and a variety of services tailored to the unique daily living needs of disabled veterans.
- **New Britain's Fairview Cemetery** for the purchase and display of American flags on veterans' gravesites for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

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Cpl. Jimenez was a 17-year-old attending New Britain High School when he decided to serve his country and become a United States marine following graduation in 2007. On August 1, 2010, he was on foot patrol in Afghanistan with his squad when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) detonated. He lost his left arm, hearing in his left ear and partial sight in his left eye.

As Manny rehabilitated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., Connecticut volunteers sprang into action. For the past year, Purple Heart Homes, with the support of the Town of Glastonbury, Glastonbury Rotary Club, the business community and thousands of local volunteers, has been building Manny a specially adapted home on Addison Road in Glastonbury.

Manny will be receiving a completely furnished and accessorized home including a refrigerator supplied with food, dishes, silverware, linens, all beds made – and even spices in the spice rack. According to Purple Heart Homes spokesperson Vicki Thomas, Manny “will not need a thing. He will simply move in and start his new life as a retired marine, going to school and being an active member of the community, doing good things to make a difference in the lives of others – a role he has wholeheartedly embraced.”

Cpl. Jimenez will be presented the keys to his new home during ceremonies on June 23, one day after his formal retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps. Currently, he remains in the midst of rehabilitation at Walter Reed and is serving an internship as the Generals’ driver at The Pentagon. A dedicated marathon runner and prospect for the U.S. Paralympics Team, he will attend Central Connecticut State University in the fall where he will major in Physical Education.

The ceremonies honoring Cpl. Jimenez at the post-golf dinner will include a variety of special guests and presentations. Details will be announced prior to the event.

Registration for the tournament is \$125 per player, which includes greens fees, cart, premium gift bag, lunch and beverages on the course, prizes and the post-golf barbeque. The shotgun start is at 11:30 a.m., with registration beginning at 10 a.m. Sponsorships beginning as low as \$100 are available and the event is also seeking donation of raffle prizes. For those who cannot play, advance tickets are available for the barbeque only at \$25 per person.

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.

The Northwestern Veterans, T.G.M. Memorial Post is a 501(c)(19) non-profit veterans organization. The Post, founded in 1945, honors the memory of New Britain World War II heroes Stanley T. Todzia, Edward J. Giramonti and Francis J. Majewski.