



★ THE PATRIOT CEREMONY INCLUDED THE PRESENTING OF THE COLORS BY THE MARINE CORPS COLOR GUARD BY (FROM LEFT) SERGEANTS KENNY BAEZ, WALTER HUCKLEBERRY, NOAH TRUMP, AND IRVIN VALDES.

FOLDS OF HONOR

The 2023 Barrington Patriots Golf Day Raises \$800,000 for Scholarships

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EACH YEAR, Bill Schey and a host of patriotic and generous community members pull together for a sold-out Barrington Patriot Golf Day. The day is filled with golf at Barrington Hills Country Club and Biltmore Country Club, followed by a Patriot Ceremony and cocktails, dinner, presentations, and a live auction. Proceeds provide scholarships for the families of fallen and disabled Military and First Responders. A stunning \$800,000 was raised on Monday, September 11, at the popular event.

This year, University of Alabama student and Folds of Honor Scholarship Recipient Britton Samuel shared a moving story about her father, retired Navy Seal and recipient of the Navy Cross, Jeff Samuel, whose military service resulted in his being severely wounded in combat and permanently disabled. Her story is one of many at the heart of Folds of Honor and its mission.



★ FOLDS OF HONOR EVENT COORDINATOR BILL SCHEY IS A MARINE CORPS VETERAN AND FOLDS OF HONOR BOARD MEMBER FOR CHICAGO AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA. EACH YEAR, HE HONORS 10 FRIENDS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE VIETNAM WAR THROUGH THE BARRINGTON PATRIOT GOLF DAY AND FUNDRAISER.

This year's Patriot Golf Day and evening festivities were met with rain, but that did not dampen its stunning success. "You are an amazing group of very generous individuals," Schey said. "While we could not control the rain, yet all that attended the dinner heard real-life stories from Britton Samuel, Lt. Col. Mike Adkinson, and a patriotic, motivational speech by Lt. Commander Evangelo "Vann" Morris." U



★ MILITARY VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS GATHER FOR A GROUP PHOTO.



★ USAF VN VETERAN ALEX RODRIGUEZ



★ BARRINGTON STATION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT AYANNA SIDI SINGS THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.



★ WORLD WAR II ARMY VETERAN DUANE STEPHENSON



★ THE STALWART VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE OF THE BARRINGTON PATRIOT GOLF DAY.



★ FOLDS OF HONOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT BRITTON SAMUEL (UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA) SHARED A MOVING STORY ABOUT HER FATHER, RETIRED NAVY SEAL AND RECIPIENT OF THE NAVY CROSS, JEFF SAMUEL, WHO IS SEATED IN FRONT.



★ COL. MIKE ADKINSON SHARED HIS EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF COURAGE AND SURVIVAL DURING HIS THREE BACK-TO-BACK TOURS OF VIETNAM. HE COMMANDED THE STINGER HELICOPTER GUNSHIP UNIT (PHOTO BELOW). HIGHLY DECORATED, MR. ADKINSON IS RECOGNIZED AS THE AMERICAN AVIATOR WITH THE MOST COMBAT FLYING HOURS IN ANY BRANCH OF SERVICE.



★ GUEST SPEAKER EVANGELO (VANN) MORRIS IS A FORMER NUCLEAR POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINER, AFGHANISTAN-DEPLOYED COMBAT VETERAN, AND RETIRED U.S. NAVY SURFACE WARFARE OFFICE. HIS PRESENTATION “OLD GLORY” WAS A MOVING EXPRESSION OF OUR NATIONAL FLAG’S MEANING.