



## **National Retired Military Golf Classic Newsletter #2 for 2019 - 36th Anniversary Tournament**

Greetings fellow golfers and comrades in arms,

We hope this newsletter finds you all faring well through this tough winter. We also realize that in parts of our country the weather may be prohibiting you from getting onto the links as much as desired, but hopefully most of you have gotten some practice in. Soon the weather will improve and we'll all sharpen our games in preparation for this year's National Retired Military Golf Classic.

If you haven't done so already, please mark your calendars for this year's special event, 28 May – 1 June, 2019. Make sure your 36th NRMGC 2019 application is in, and let us know if you don't get word back on being admitted shortly after your application's submission. So far the numbers are looking higher than last year, but we're hoping for many more applications to come in during March and April.

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Our committee met twice in recent months and has been in close contact with the Founders Group International (FGI) and Oceana Resorts teams to ensure we provide you a great package for this year's tournament. We have ordered the shirts and hats and we think that ya'll are gonna love 'em. Once again, we'll have a new towel this year and some different items in your goodie bag. We'll have some special drawing prizes along with the normal drawings, registration day raffle, and closest to the pin prizes.

Of course we're sticking with the very popular all prime time tee-time schedules, morning tee-times, and FGI has again agreed that we will be allowed to use as many courses as we need to accommodate our participants with the maximum on each course of about 128. We and FGI in coordination with Robin Pringle, Tournament Director with Oceana Resorts will make the determination in late April/early May on how many and which courses we'll play once an estimate of our numbers can be established. The ladies will still play 3 different courses and the

men 4 different courses. FGI has assured us that they'll accommodate as many retired military golfers as we can recruit, so if we need more courses than we've had before, we'll get 'em.

It seems like some of our marketing efforts may be paying off... but more than anything we continue to need your help to get the word out and **bring your fellow retired military golfing buddies with you!** By far the most successful recruiting comes from your personal, face-to-face testimonies about this great event. And please let your eligible golf buddies know that there is no wait list. **All military retirees and their spouses will get in if they apply. Spouses of "non-golfing" military retirees are also welcome to play.** Hopefully we can bring back a lot of previous players as well as new folks. I mean after all we will be playing prime courses during prime time without undue delays, and all afternoons and evenings will be free for your friends and families to partake in other vacation activities. Tough to beat that venue!

Also, don't forget that players and family members can enjoy time at Myrtle Beach at significantly reduced prices through Oceana Resorts. Oceana Resorts staff may also be able to assist you with economical hotel packages during the week prior to our tournament. FGI also provides great deals on their lunch/replay programs, so you can contact any of the courses that we are scheduled to play and get in plenty of practice before the tournament. Another new treat this year from Oceana Resorts will be an improved "ice breaker" on Tuesday, showcasing their brand new and upgraded restaurants and dining rooms. Trust me, you'll be impressed. See the below information regarding those improvements.

Your committee, Founders Group International, Oceana Resorts, Alabama Theatre, PGA Tour Superstore, Brown and Associates, Kearney and Company, USfalcon, Sun Mountain, Seiko and our other supporters are dedicated to making this year's tournament a special memory for each and every player and family member. We're going to continue our highly successful new member orientation this year, new winner prizes, beer/soft drink coupons per round per player for post round socializing with fellow players/comrades, competitions during the waiting times for award ceremonies, and of course continued camaraderie on some of the best golf courses around. And for our more experienced players don't forget that in addition to allowing players over 70 years of age to play from forward tees, we'll have a "super senior mentors" tee for our players over 80 years young. If you know some seasoned retired military golf buddies who should be joining us but think they're no longer wanted... tell them we absolutely love having them with us and they can still produce for their teams!

**New initiatives:** If you're a first time player this year and have the lowest score of the other first time players in your flight, you'll win our new player prize this year. On Friday for the women, and Saturday for the men we'll provide a prize for the low round, regardless of your overall standing in the tournament.

So again, we need you to come back and bring plenty of your fellow retired comrades for this year's special event. One thing you can do to assist us in this effort is to pass this newsletter and future newsletters along with your endorsement to all your friends who may be eligible to play, and ask your golf course manager to post our flyer and our newsletters. If you're involved in

your military post or base Military Retiree Council, or know someone who is, ask them to announce our tournament in their publications. Also please recommend fellow golf buddies who are interested to visit <https://www.oceanaresorts.com/nrmgc/> and our [Facebook page](#) for more information concerning our great event. It is your event...help us make it grow! We really want to get every retired military golfer out there to join us and keep our terrific golf classic the best military golfing event in history. It's been the largest gathering of retired golfing warriors and their spouses in the world that we know of for 36 years and running. Help us keep it that way!

**Don't forget:** Tell your golf buddies who are signing up for the first time to place your name on the application as the referral and you'll receive a \$20 gift certificate from PGA Tour Superstore, for each referee. We'll pay the 2020 tournament application fee for our 2019 player with the most referrals! If your recruit forgets to give you credit on the application, tell him or her to call or text Al Whatley at 910-670-0900 and he'll make sure the correction is made in time. We want you to get your gift certificate(s) for your efforts to keep this tournament growing and vital!

OK enough for now. We'll provide another update or two before the tournament and we are always available to answer any of your questions. If you haven't registered, get it done and let us know if you need more applications for new recruits. Your loyal participation and camaraderie coupled with your continued efforts to bring fellow military retirees with you to the tournament will keep this event great for another 36 years. Thanks for your service to our nation and thanks for participating in our tournament. May God continue to bless you all and your wonderful families.

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