

# A Place for All Veterans to Play



*Veteran Name  
& Golf Legend Jack Nicklaus*

**Be a Part of  
Something Special**

The number of veterans we serve grows each year. To continue improving the rehabilitation facilities and activities provided by the American Lake Veterans Golf Course, volunteers need donations, grants and in-kind donations. A redesign and renovation of the existing nine holes is planned, and of particular need is the proposed construction of an additional nine holes. The design for both projects is being generously donated by golf legend Jack Nicklaus. This course is designed to be fully accessible for disabled veterans.

For more information go to  
**[www.veterangolf.org](http://www.veterangolf.org)**  
and listen to the message from Jack Nicklaus,  
or call the course at **(253) 584-9992**.

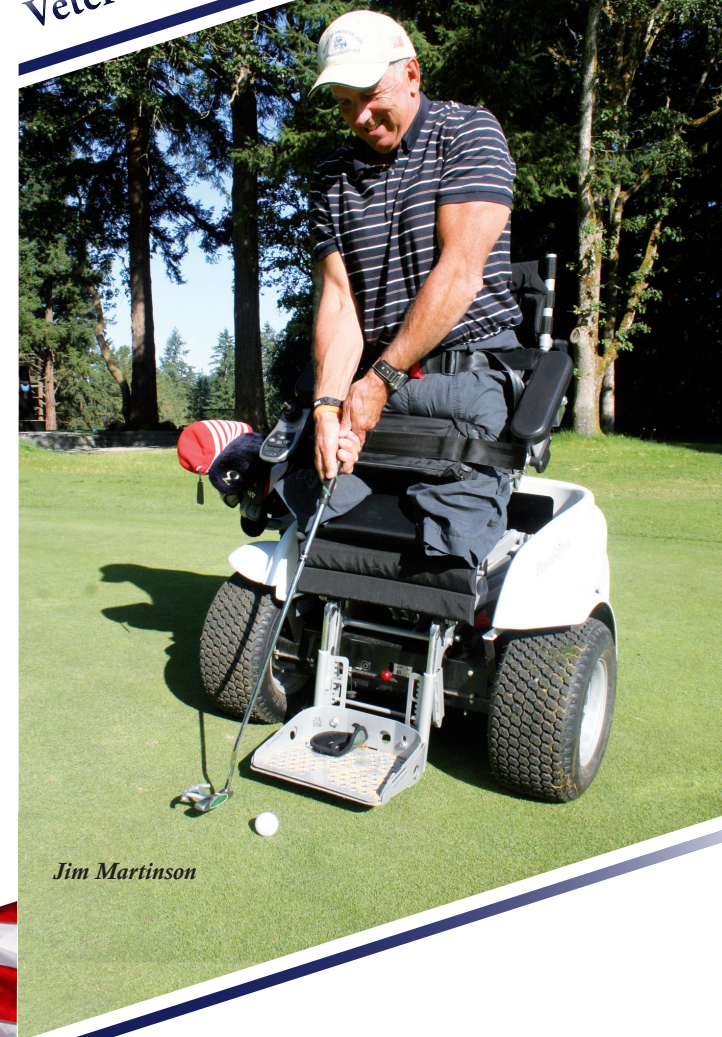
Donations are tax deductible under IRS 501 (c) (3).

Donations may be sent to:  
**Friends of American Lake Veterans Golf Course**  
**PO Box 99608**

American Lake Veterans Golf Course  
9600 Veterans Drive SW  
Lakewood, WA 98496  
253-584-9992  
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# HONOR HOPE STRENGTH Veterans Rehabilitation and Golf Course



*Jim Martinson*



**FRIENDS OF AMERICAN LAKE  
VETERANS GOLF COURSE**





*Dan Dudek*

### **An Investment in Lives**

As in the past, today's servicemen and women are sustaining injuries while serving in our country's armed forces. All injuries are serious, some resulting in the loss of limbs or vision. Not all injuries are readily visible, or may appear to be minor and of limited visible impact — but all have an effect on the Soldier, Marine, Sailor, Airman or Coast Guardsman. Recreational activities like those offered at the American Lake Veterans Rehabilitation Center and Golf Course, located adjacent to Fort Lewis, Washington, have a positive impact on the health and recovery of veterans and their families.

### **A Safe Haven**

But, it's more than a golf course. It's a place of healing where disabled veterans with a common understanding experience physical and emotional rehabilitation. It's seen as a place of refuge to the wounded warriors we have the honor of serving.

**Helping veterans find physical and emotional renewal through the great game of golf.**

### **American Lake Veterans Golf Course**

After World War II, a golf course was added to the campus of the American Lake Veterans Hospital. But, in 1995, government funding for operation and maintenance of all VA golf courses was eliminated. Since then, volunteers have operated the American Lake Veterans Golf Course with no government financial assistance and no paid employees.

### **Friends of American Lake Veterans Golf Course**

A group of inspired volunteers eventually created a non-profit corporation to assist with improvement, care and maintenance of the American Lake Veterans Golf Course— resulting in a place for all veterans to play.



*Medal of Honor Recipient Leroy Petry  
& Golf Legend Jack Nicklaus*



*Tim Bomke*

**"If you really love soldiers... there is no better way to prove that than to help support this effort. I have seen the results. You have got to show them that there is life after (your) injury."**

**-General John M. Shalikashvili, 1936-2011  
Past Co-Chair of the Friends of American Lake Veterans Golf Course**

### **Accomplishments**

With tax deductible financial and in-kind donations, volunteers have made incredible strides in making the course more accessible to veterans with disabilities. The golf course is 100 percent ADA accessible, with a nine-hole golf course, three practice holes, driving range, and practice putting greens. The facility also includes First Swing and Blind Rehabilitation clinics which have all helped to make this the only course of its kind in the country. An activities shelter has been constructed. The new Rehabilitation and Learning Center provides an atmosphere of honor as veterans of all ages come together for physical activity and social interaction, regardless of their physical ability or emotional condition.