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The Linking Arms Golf Tournament took place in May. Support from PHMA International, PHMA Chapter 37, and many sponsors—including Lincoln Military Housing, Pillsbury Winthrop, Clippers, Lakins Irrigation, Minol USA, Wilmar, and Fantasy World—helped raise nearly \$18,000 for Operation Homefront. See page 46 for the full story.

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Chapter 37 Hosts Operation Homefront Benefit

The morning sun was bright and there wasn't a cloud in the sky, just a slight spring chill in the air—perfect weather for a great day of golfing. This was a special day for these golfers who convened at Marine Corps Base Quantico's Medal of Honor golf course because all proceeds were going to Operation Homefront, an organization that provides emergency assistance and morale to our troops and their families. The event—The Linking Arms Golf Tournament—took place in May.

Within the early morning hours, all the registered golfers had arrived, purchased their Mulligan, and been seated in their golf carts. Upon their departure, the Chapter 37 team sprung into action. Christine Hoffman, Jennifer Kirchmeyer, Milton Ninde, Barbara Carr, Rosanna Hynes, Connie Dufour, Kim Sickel, Chapter 37 President Isabel Allen, Fred Allen, Nakya Dozier, Lakissha Holland, and Chapter 37 Vice President Margaret Barr—with guidance from Devanice Ball—hung banners, arranged tables, moved flags, and otherwise prepped the reception area for all of the special guests.



Chapter 37 was honored to have Wounded Warriors (several pictured below) Randy Williamson, Curtis Wolf, LtCol Manaco, Major Poudner, Michael Stansberry, Paul Haley, Kirk Broglin, and John Pruziar join us (and thanks to Danny Ball for bringing honored guests to the event).

Veterans shared their experience with Operation Homefront, expressing the importance of the program's apartment building to accommodate service members and their families, as this would be their temporary home during their recovery period. It is very important for the family and the service member to have more than one room of living space during their healing time. Prior to the apartments, families were limited to living in a hotel room. Under these conditions, with a wife and child, the service member was without any space to himself.

The Wounded Warriors expressed their gratitude for what Operation Homefront had done for them and their families during their recovery, and attendees thanked them for their sacrifices. Chapter 37 also had another honored guest—thanks to

PHMA President Mike Shelton for attending this special event.

At the end of the day, Old Dominion Chapter 37 President Isabel Allen, along with Chris Crennan and Colleen Morehead of Lincoln Military Housing, presented Vivian Dietric, President of Operation Homefront, with a check for \$17,828. Thanks also go out to the volunteers and golfers who took time from their busy schedules to participate.

Also, special thanks to Shannon Keating from PHMA International for making online registrations possible and for always assisting our chapter, as well as to Devanice Ball, Lincoln Military Housing, for all the long hours of preparation she put into the this event. And a very special thank you to the event sponsors: Lincoln Military Housing (Diamond Lunch Sponsor), Pillsbury Winthrop, Clippers, and Lakins Irrigation, as well as Minol USA (Wounded Warrior Sponsor) and Wilmar and Fantasy World (Gold Star supporting sponsors).

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