



Wounded Service Members Participate in Jim McMahon's Swang "N" Super Bowl Bash

Celebrities and Wounded Service Members Shine on the Golf Course

LAKEWOOD, FLORIDA, January 26, 2009 - Hope for The Warriors™ participated in Jim McMahon's Swang "N" Super Bowl Bash, January 29-30th in Lakewood, Florida. Twelve wounded service members from across the country joined McMahon and about 40 of his celebrity friends for the star-studded event at the Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club during Super Bowl Weekend. The festivities kicked off with a Pairings Party on Thursday evening where wounded service members had the opportunity to meet the former NFL All-Pro quarterback and two-time Super Bowl Champion as well as his celebrity friends. Golf star John Daly, welterweight champ Floyd Mayweather Jr., Major League Baseball Hall of Famers Phil Niekro and Gary Carter along with former MLB player Scott Erikson and his wife, actress and model Lisa Guerrero, were among the dozens of celebrities in attendance.

On Friday morning, laid back golfers in loud and colorful attire, busy volunteers in bright yellow t-shirts and spit and polished service members all smiling endlessly didn't seem to mind the hour-long rain delay, unusual for the Sunshine State. Eventually golfers were given the green light and participants such as Kevin Sorbo, John Ashton, Willie Gault, Dave Mobley, Mark Rypien and Ottis Anderson began play on the championship course. Before the day was over, comedian Joe Torre hit a hole in one.

The wounded service members were treated to lunch at the clubhouse following the round of golf where they were recognized for their service and sacrifice. During the awards ceremony, it was the celebrities who gave the standing ovation to the wounded service members. "In my mind, these men and women are the real heroes and celebrities of the event," stated Jim McMahon. "Meeting them and hearing their stories is inspirational, and will make you more than proud of our great warriors who have given so much," McMahon added.

Travis Barlett was one of the service members honored. He was hit by a suicide bomber in Ramadi, Iraq in January 2008. He suffered massive damage to both legs and received shrapnel in his face. "This trip was an experience of a lifetime," he stated. "One I will never forget."



He, along with Marine Curtis Fowler, was paired with Jim McMahon and John Daly. "Getting to play with John Daly was a dream come true," stated Fowler.

Hope For The Warriors™ was one of three charity beneficiaries of this event. Sponsors for Jim McMahon's Swang "N" Super Bowl Bash include Air Tran, The Patron Spirits Company, Anheuser Busch, Gallo Wines, Pepsi, Holiday Inn, Lakewood Ranch and The Golf Channel.

Hope For The Warriors™ is a national non-profit group dedicated to calling attention to the sacrifice of wounded military service men and women. For more information, visit their website at www.hopeforthewarriors.org. For information on Jim McMahon's Swang Wear™, visit their website at www.swangwear.com.

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