



Woodloch Springs Golf Pro Honored with PGA Patriot Award

PGA Philadelphia Section selects John Pillar as 2019 Patriot Award winner

Hawley, PA, January 6, 2020 – In recognition of his commendable achievements, the PGA Philadelphia Section recently selected John Pillar, PGA Director of Golf at Woodloch Springs, as the 2019 Patriot Award winner. The Patriot Award is presented annually to a PGA Professional “who personifies patriotism through the game of golf and demonstrates unwavering commitment and dedication to the men and women who have valiantly served and protected the United States of America.”

Just over six years ago, Pillar spearheaded a partnership between Woodloch, an award-winning [family resort](#) in the Pocono Mountains, and Folds of Honor, a nonprofit organization which provides educational scholarships to families of military men and women who have fallen or been disabled while on active duty. Since then, Woodloch has hosted six golf tournaments and two military appreciation themed weekends to benefit Folds of Honor, with proceeds totaling over \$160,000. Each year, the resort also provides complimentary vacations for six Folds of Honor families.

Ever since Woodloch first opened in 1958, they have remained committed to honoring those who serve and defend this country’s freedom, many of whom have been and continue to be loyal guests. Hence, it was a natural fit when the [Pocono resort’s championship golf course](#), Woodloch Springs, teamed up with Folds of Honor.

Pillar remarked, “I am humbled and honored to be recognized by my fellow PGA professionals and the Philadelphia Section. What began as a senior project has now become a wonderful example of volunteerism. We are committed to changing lives for our local veterans and their families who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. The Folds of Honor mission is incredibly strong: ‘Honor the Sacrifice. Educate their Legacy.’” He continued, “We look forward to hosting the seventh annual Folds of Honor tournament June 7-8, 2020, and we welcome you to join us in our mission.”

The 2020 PGA Philadelphia Section Special Award recipients will be honored at the PGA Special Awards Dinner at Aronimink Golf Club in early March 2020.

To obtain more information about Woodloch Springs, please visit: www.woodloch.com/golf. To learn more about The Folds of Honor Foundation, visit www.FoldsofHonor.org.

About Woodloch Resort:

Creating a magical experience for families since 1958, Woodloch Pines Resort's signature warm hospitality keeps guests returning year after year and offers a truly unique all-inclusive family vacation experience fitting for everyone's taste. An award-winning family resort, championship golf course and sister property featuring a luxury destination spa are just 95 scenic and convenient miles from New York City nestled in the Pocono Mountains Lake Region.

About Folds of Honor

Folds of Honor is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization that provides educational scholarships to families of military men and women who have fallen or been disabled while on active duty in the United States armed forces. Our educational scholarships support private education tuition and tutoring for children in grades K-12, as well as higher education tuition assistance for spouses and dependents. Founded in 2007 by Major Dan Rooney, an F-16 fighter pilot in the Oklahoma Air National Guard who served three tours of duty in Iraq, Folds of Honor is proud to have awarded more than 10,000 scholarships in all 50 states, as well as Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, including more than 2,500 in 2015 alone. For more information or to donate in support of a Folds of Honor scholarship, visit www.foldsofhonor.org.