



12TH ANNUAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS OPEN

9 NOV 2018 BRIDGEMILL ATHLETIC CLUB (CANTON, GEORGIA)
GOLF TOURNAMENT

The cost is \$150 per player. The format will be a 4-way Scramble (best ball) with a Shotgun Start at 1030 hrs. Call Christian Stevens at 770-331-6120 to reserve your team's slot. If you don't have a team, he can put you with one.

EXTRA EVENTS

Our mission is to raise as much money as possible for Operation Santa, we are offering features that go way beyond 18 holes of really good golf and great fellowship. Listed below are some of the extra activities that are planned for this year.

- Chances to win *new cars* from Hennessy Honda of Woodstock for a Hole-in-One on all four Par 3 holes
- *Golf Ball Drop Raffle*— purchase one or more balls to be dropped on Hole 19 at end of the day
Closet ball to the Pin wins a custom Tactical Shotgun built and donated by Alpha Bravo Armory in Alpharetta
- As many as *6 helicopters* this year (R-44, MH-6x2, Bell 207, possibly an MH-47 and UH-60), along with opportunities to ride in some of them over the Club's property
- *Military and Public Safety vehicles* and equipment and a *rock-climbing wall* for kids to see and explore
- Several *free-fall demonstrations* throughout the day, including professional jumpers "swooping the pond"
- *Raffles of Sports and Military memorabilia* and nice prizes including a large *LED TV* and Player "goody bags"
- *Veterans of many wars* will be on station to share fellowship, true war stories of victory, and updates on recent activities in the current theatres of operations
- *VIP Caddy*— General "Smokin' Joe" Stringham will caddy for the highest bidder !

ABOUT OPERATION SANTA

[All FFO 2018 proceeds support *Operation Santa Charities, Inc.*, an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) corporation]

"Operation Santa" was started in 2003 by the members of VFW Post 12002 with the intent of using funds raised from private and corporate donors to express their gratitude to, and support for, Georgia-based troops fighting overseas *and* their families. Since its inception, the charity has raised nearly \$300,000 and has spent that money making certain that those fighting for our freedoms know that we appreciate their sacrifices and are 100% behind them, their families **and** their mission. "Operation Santa" has already touched the lives of over 5,000 Georgia-based troops and their families (798 in 2013 alone). **All** administrative duties are performed by volunteers – **nobody** with Operation Santa gets paid.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- Signature Sponsor** (\$10,000+) Name the tournament the *YourCompanyName Freedom Fighters Open* and get 3 Foursomes, your logo on the Goody Bags and all custom camouflage Pin Flags, and framed Pin Flag Plaque
- Platinum** (\$2000-\$9999) Includes 2 Foursomes, Hole Sponsorship, recognition at Awards Event, Dinner and Plaque
- Gold** (\$1250-1999) Includes 2 Foursomes, recognition on Handouts and at Awards Event, Dinner and Plaque
- Silver** (\$750-\$1249) Includes 1 Foursome or Hole Sponsorship, recognition on Handouts and at Awards Event, Plaque
- Hole Sponsorship** (\$500-\$749) Custom sign advertising your company at the Tee and a display-quality, camouflage Pin Flag custom-made to military standards for this tournament. Display this Pin Flag at home or work to show your support for our armed forces and this tournament
- Bronze** (\$100-\$499) Recognition on Handouts and at Awards Event
- Raffle Sponsor** Provide products for the Raffles (sponsorship level based on the value of products or services offered)
- Food Sponsor** (\$2000) Covers drinks and food at the Turn and Finish – includes recognition at the Dinner

CONTACTS

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For more *information* on the *FFO 2018* program, contact

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or visit www.FreedomFightersOpen.org

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THIS YEAR'S GUEST OF HONOR

The Well-Done Comedian

Staff Sergeant Bobby Henline, US Army (Ret)



SSG Bobby Henline served 13 years in the Army, his last assignment being with the 82nd Airborne Division. On 7 April 2007, during his 4th tour in Iraq, an IED exploded under his Humvee, killing the other 4 paratroopers who were in it. As SSG Henline stumbled out of the wreck, a flaming torch, the paratrooper who he'd replaced in the Humvee extinguished him. The flag pictured above is the one he was wearing on his right shoulder while he was aflame.

With burns over 40% of his body, fractures in his face, and his head burned down to his skull, he was put into a medically-induced coma for 2 weeks and flown back to the United States. During his initial 6-month hospital stay, he remained upbeat and positive by relying on humor to get him through each day. Trying to boost morale among other wounded soldiers, he would tell funny jokes, put nurses in headlocks, and perform a myriad of other pranks. This behavior, and singing a ditty over and over, prompted his therapist to challenge him to try standup comedy on a pinky swear.

SSG Henline kept that promise and that started a new chapter in his life. He travels the country now, performing in comedy shows, speaking at corporate entertainment events, educational presentations and other events that support the military (like the *Freedom Fighters Open*). Comedy helps Bobby keep his PTSD and anxiety at bay while allowing him to share his experiences and laughter with people in a very positive way. He entertains children of all ages from 8 to 80 and has recently started working on his skydiving license. "Paratroopers gotta jump!"

Come out and meet Bobby and prepare yourselves for an unintended ab workout that will have you laughing inside for weeks thereafter. He is truly funny and is as wonderful on the inside as he is scary looking on the outside. He is the "hottest" comedian the nation has ever known.

Airborne All the Way!