



## CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC

**First Responders from Boston, Newtown, CT, New York City and Chicago to be honored  
at Tour of Duty Celebrity Golf Classic**

*Proceeds to benefit first responders' charities in Boston, Newtown, CT, New York and Chicago*

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**CHICAGO, IL (May 14, 2013)** The Tour of Duty Celebrity Golf Classic promises to be a historic event. Taking place on Monday, August 12, 2013, first responders from Boston, MA, Newtown, CT and New York City will join Chicago area police, firefighters and military to golf with sponsors and celebrities at the Evanston-Wilmette Community Golf Course, formerly known as Peter Jans. The tournament is being hosted by Wilmette native, Joel Murray. The famous family of actors, well known for the campy golf movie "Caddyshack", grew up playing there and, as golf course folklore goes, Bill Murray worked at the 'snack shack' for two summers during his high school years.

"We are really looking forward to welcoming the first responders and military to our old stomping grounds. My brothers and I have great memories of that course. We would collect golf balls along the bank of the canal and sell them to the starter so we could buy a round of golf. Being the host of this event means a lot to me. I've always been an eighth or ninth responder. I thought this was a great chance for me to step up a notch or two," Joel Murray quipped.

Celebrities lending their support as team captains include actors Mike O'Malley, Mark Moses, Neil Flynn, comedians Finesse Mitchell and Tim Meadows; Chicago sports legends Kerry Wood, Steve McMichael and Emery Moorehead.

"The Evanston Wilmette Community Golf Course is undergoing an exciting revitalization with the help of a great group of dedicated friends and neighbors, and we are delighted that Tour of Duty and Wilmette's own Murray family are participating in this transformation," Todd Ricketts said, a member of the Board of Directors of the golf course.

In 2010 Australian and American firefighters and police united for a relay run across the United States - from Los Angeles to New York. The run finished at the site of World Trade Center, itself a symbol of renewal, and collective will. In 2012, a team consisting of military, police and fire officers from both nations cycled from the USS Midway in San Diego and finished at the Intrepid in New York commemorating the service of the people that protect both nations. It provided the opportunity to celebrate the history shared and the supreme values of humanity, friendship, camaraderie, and self-sacrifice.

"As allies, Americans and Australians have shared history and as allies we shall forge and sustain a future of goodwill, courage and hope," says Melbourne, Australia firefighter and founder of the Tour of Duty, Paul Ritchie. "The golf tournament aims to reveal the admiration and respect the Tour of Duty holds for the selfless acts of courage and the shared values of our service personnel throughout the world. It pays tribute to the people who responded to Newtown, Boston and the attacks on September 11 in New York and Washington DC, and to those who continue to serve in the fight for security and peace."

The Tour of Duty will donate partial proceeds of the fundraising tournament to charities that benefit first responders directly in Boston, MA, Newtown, CT, New York City and Chicago.

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