



## Reserve Your Tee Time for the 2017 Golf Classic

For the past seven years, we've been gratified by the success of our premier fundraising event — the annual golf classic to benefit America's VetDogs. This year, as we prepare for the eighth annual event, we're looking forward to our most successful one yet.

Every year, this event for America's VetDogs

sells out fast. Don't miss your chance to help change the lives of disabled veterans and those who have served our country.

Please contact Jaime McGrade for sponsorship information and event details or visit [Golf.VetDogs.org](http://Golf.VetDogs.org). ★



## 7th Annual Golf Outing Wrap-Up

In just seven years, our annual golf classic has netted **more than \$1,000,000** to help veterans with disabilities! The 7th annual event was another stellar year thanks to the amazing generosity of our loyal golf participants, with net proceeds of more than \$192,000.

We have placed more than 400 guide, service (including service dogs for PTSD), hearing, and facility dogs as we approach our 15th year of serving veterans – veterans who can now **live without boundaries** thanks to you, our friends and supporters. Every week our waiting list grows for veterans and first responders who need an

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Olivia Poff and puppy Charlie (center) with VetDogs graduates Navy veteran Melanie Monts de Oca (left) and Army veteran Peter Way (right). Melanie and Peter were our guests of honor.

For more information regarding the 2017 golf outing or America's VetDogs, please contact Jaime McGrade at 631-930-9054, [Jaime@VetDogs.org](mailto:Jaime@VetDogs.org), or visit [Golf.VetDogs.org](http://Golf.VetDogs.org).

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assistance dog of their own.

As always, our committee, headed by co-chairs **Bill Quinn** and **Rusty McCormack**, worked tirelessly, and special thanks to our VetDogs graduates **Major Peter Way, USA, Retired**, and **Lt. Melanie Monts de Oca, USN, Retired**, for sharing their inspiring stories.

Another special guest this year was **Charlie**, the “puppy with a purpose” who’s featured on TODAY on NBC, along with his puppy raiser Olivia Poff, one of our guide dog instructors. Charlie and Olivia, as well as service dog instructor Katie Ruiz, are working hard to train Charlie for his future career as a service dog for a veteran. Viewers can follow Charlie’s journey on TODAY. ★



See more photos at <http://bit.ly/VetDogsGolf2016>

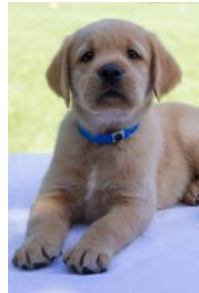
A total of **five puppies** were sponsored as a result of the puppy “auction” at the evening’s dinner, which raised **\$32,750!** The future assistance dog puppies are Dewey, Halsey, Murphy, Oscar, and Sarg. Two of the pups sponsored last year — Mickey and Patience — returned for formal training in January 2017. We expect they will be placed with veterans later this year.



Dewey



Halsey



Murphy



Oscar



Sarg

### Our 2016 Golf Committee was outstanding! Thank you for your help.

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