



PGA

Michigan Section

BIO OF SPECIAL AWARDS CANDIDATE

Name of Nominee: Doug Bell

Year Elected to Membership: Nov. 1991

Award Nominated for: Patriot Award

Briefly describe your achievements/accomplishments that would pertain to this award:

I have a somewhat unique relationship with The Folds of Honor Foundation in that I have raised two children from age 3 and 5 who lost their birth father in a Military Aviation Accident. Both my step daughter Hannah Davis and step son Blake Davis have been blessed to receive scholarship assistance from The Folds of Honor Foundation. Their father was a true American hero and we do all we can to honor his memory. Hannah is now on the Folds of Honor Speakers bureau and has traveled for them to speaking engagements locally as well as around the country. Hannah and I have teamed up on local Radio shows to promote the Folds and our fundraising efforts. Our family goal is to give back way more than we have received. Blake at this point is a sophomore at Ferris State in the PGM Program.

Having tried to raise funds in a traditional way with a golf outing where part of the proceeds go to The Folds, we were having no luck at raising a decent amount of money, yet anything is better than nothing. Over the last several years we have gone non-traditional with "events" within other golf outings we host where The Folds is the recipient Charity for funds raised. By doing several small things, we have added up a decent amount of money at years end.

From A raffle board running 2 months, to an oversized corn-hole competition, to World Class Pumpkin Bowling....we have conjured up unique and fun competitions that create an

awareness as well as and end goal of funds raised. This is also a season long process over a one-time event.

Beyond the Folds efforts we have always provided discounted golf and stays at our Inn for our Military members and veterans. We have hosted several Michigan Patriot Guard (Motorcycle Club) events, which are non-golf related but assist in the overall awareness of our Veterans and their needs.

This all seems a very small amount of effort compared to others who do so much for this cause. It is an honor and humbling to be nominated for this award.