

PINEWILD MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (PMGA)

ARMED FORCES CUP (AFC)

AFC Purpose:

The PMGA initiated the AFC in 2017 with the goal of conducting a fun competitive tournament among PMGA members who are military veterans from the six branches of the United States Armed Forces and non-veteran PMGA members. The primary outcome of this event is the winning service team providing a monetary donation to a military-related charity of their choice. The amount of the donation is reliant on a portion of the contributions of sponsors and entry fees. Sponsors are solicited primarily by the PMGA Executive Board.

Competitors:

Any PMGA member with a valid handicap may compete. Veterans of any service branch may choose to play for that branch during registration. Coast Guard veterans will play with the Navy and Space Force veterans will play with the Air Force. Non-veterans will be placed in a lottery draft held in March to determine their team/branch affiliation. Registration for the event ends prior to the draft. Alternates will be utilized where possible; no military service required. Any PMGA member who registers after the draft will be assigned to a specific team or be designated an alternate and play for any service branch needing players for a match. If a new member of the PMGA wants to play for the service branch he served in, he may choose to play for that branch, even if he registered after the draft. Participation in all four matches is not a requirement.

Registration

Electronic registration starts mid-February. Military veteran PMGA members will indicate their service branch during the online registration. If a PMGA member did not personally serve in the military, he will indicate "Draft" during registration and will be placed into the draft pool. The Pinewild Country Club will bill each entrant's club account the \$25 entry fee after the entry closing date.

Match Dates and Format:

Teams from Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines will compete against each other in a two-man team match play format. Team captains shall decide who will be playing on each play date and the make-up of each two-man team. Four competitions will take place approximately every three weeks beginning at the end of March. The first event will be a 2-man Scramble, the second event will be Alternate Shot, the third event will be Best Ball, and the Championship Match will be 6-hole matches of 2-man Scramble, Alternate Shot, and Best Ball. Actual competition dates are listed in the PMGA Play Date Schedule.

All four service branches will compete against each other on every play date. Example: Army vs Navy, Army vs Air Force, Army vs Marines, etc.

The number of matches competing against each other will be based on the number of players registered for each branch three days prior to competition. Every effort will be made to keep the



same number of matches between each service branch for every play date. In some circumstances, one service branch may play more matches with one service branch than another. Where ever possible, teams will be grouped by handicap so that players of similar skill level will compete against each other.

Rules:

All play is from participants' PMGA registered tees. A handicap system will be utilized for best ball play and an average handicap for two-man teams competing in scramble and alternate shot competition. The two-man team competition will be normal match play by hole. For the first three competitions, one point will be awarded for every two-man team victory and one-half point for any tie. For the championship match, all two-man team victories receive two points and ties one point. The service branch with the most points (matches and skill) on a match date will be determined the winner for that date. In the case of a tie, the prize will be split between the two teams or four teams if all tie. Cumulative point total for all four matches will determine the winner of the Armed Forces Cup. The normal \$5 PMGA entry fee will apply for all matches.

Team members not competing in a two-man match (alternates) may play on the date of the competition with other alternates and compete for skilled prizes and team champion for that date. The \$5 entry fee shall also be paid by the alternates.

A "skills" competition will be held at the end of each event. Details on the skills competition will be provided prior to the applicable event.

Prizes:

A championship cup will be awarded to the service branch season champion and will be displayed in the clubhouse. Prizes will also be awarded for every event date. On each event date, a \$10 pro shop credit will be awarded to the player who comes closest to the pin on each of the par 3's. If "Beat the Pro" is utilized on one par 3, that hole isn't counted for closet to the pin. The service branch team collecting the most points for the event date (matches and skills) will share a pro shop credit equal to the total of all entry fees (\$5) collected that date from all players minus the \$40 (\$30 if "Beat the Pro" is utilized) close-up prizes. The total credit will be divided by the number of competitors and alternates playing that day on the winning team. If a team member does not compete on a play date or pay the \$5 entry fee, they shall not share in any team winnings.

Team Captains:

Navy Team Captain – Dave Niedermaier

Air Force Team Captain – Lance Smith

Army Team Captain – Jerry Rutherford

Marine Team Captain – Pete Nehlsen

