

**FROM: THE FOLDS OF HONOR FOUNDATION**

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**FOLDS OF HONOR FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER 360 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2009  
TO CHILDREN AND SPOUSES OF MILITARY MEMBERS  
KILLED AND DISABLED IN ACTION**

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**Second Annual Awards Are a Promise Kept to Fulfill Dreams of Families**

Tulsa, OK (August 11, 2009) – The [Folds of Honor Foundation](http://www.foldsofhonor.org) announced today it has awarded more than 360 scholarships to the children and spouses of military members killed or severely disabled in the line of duty, bringing to 550 the total number of scholarships awarded in two years since the creation of the Foundation. The scholarships can be used to attend 2-year, 4-year, post-college or vocational schools.

“For the second year now, we’re making dreams come true and we could not be happier to help honor our military families,” said Major Dan Rooney, Founder of the Folds of Honor Foundation (FHF). “In so many cases, these scholarships are a lifeline to a better future – one of prosperity and happiness for entire families. We are very proud to have played an integral role in the future of the citizens of our nation.”

The FHF provides post-secondary educational scholarships to the spouses and children of service members disabled or killed as a result of their military service to our great nation. Our unique scholarships can be applied to schooling now or held by Folds of Honor on behalf of young children until needed at the time of enrollment.

“We are incredibly thankful to the Folds of Honor Foundation and the unknown thousands of people who have made donations to the scholarship funds over the years,” said Sergeant Ramon Padilla. Padilla lost his arm and sustained a brain injury while serving with 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team in Afghanistan. His children received four of this year’s scholarships. “Knowing that Monique, Melissa, Emily and little Ramon will have the opportunity to go to college makes my husband and me proud,” said Judith Padilla. We will never forget the generosity of the FHF and the American people for helping our family.”

Testimonials from past scholarship recipients can be found at <http://www.foldsofhonor.org/testimonials.php>. Hi-res images are available from [jfisher@rubenstein.com](mailto:jfisher@rubenstein.com).

The Folds of Honor Foundation (FHF) is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization with a mission to empower deserving military families with educational support and opportunities. It was founded in 2007 by Major Dan Rooney, an F-16 pilot, golf course owner, PGA Professional and USGA member. A decorated military aviator, Rooney has served three combat tours in Iraq. After returning from his second tour, Major Rooney witnessed a profound display of a family’s grief as

they welcomed home the remains of Corporal Brock Bucklin which inspired him to create a Foundation to provide for the families of fallen military heroes. Details of that story can be found here: <http://www.foldsofhonor.org/index.cfm?id=2>

[Patriot Golf Day](#), the flagship fundraising event for the Foundation, is a collaborative effort with The PGA of America, its 28,000 PGA Professionals and the USGA. On Labor Day weekend, golfers across the country are asked to give an extra dollar or more to fund Folds of Honor scholarships. The inaugural Patriot Golf Day in 2007 raised more than \$1 million in a single day; this past year's generosity reached more than \$2 million.

**The Mission of the Folds of Honor Foundation:**

The Folds of Honor Foundation provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation. It was founded by Major Dan Rooney, PGA Professional, USGA member and F-16 fighter pilot in the Oklahoma Air National Guard, after a life changing experience returning home:

<http://www.foldsofhonor.org/index.cfm?id=2>

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