



To our PGA HOPE Family,

During this difficult time, we want our PGA HOPE Family to stay safe and know that you are not alone. Together we will make it through this and will be stronger because of it. We know that many of you feel helpless because it is your innate nature to want to help and protect others in times of need. We ask all our veterans to please **STAND DOWN and STAY HOME**.

PGA HOPE has halted all programs across the country until May 10<sup>th</sup>. Our new classes and league play were not scheduled to begin until the third week in May and we will continue to monitor the situation and keep our veterans updated through email, and social media channels. We want to reassure all of you that PGA HOPE will be here for you after we recover, and together we will continue to heal each other through laughter, camaraderie, and the great game of golf.

Through the leadership of our PGA HOPE Ambassador, Jae Pea Persaud, we are currently developing and activating many initiatives to help our PGA HOPE Family safe through this crisis.

**PGA HOPE ACTIVATIONS STARTING IMMEDIATELY:**

- **Facebook LIVE** - on Wednesday at 3pm we will be doing a Facebook Live on our [Met PGA HOPE](#) page to walk through some of the initiatives below so if you are able – join us. If not, we will continue to communicate through all media platforms.
- **PGA HOPE Buddy Check** – is being launched **Immediately**. The Buddy Check will consist of a group of volunteer PGA HOPE Veterans who are willing to make check in calls to other veterans who could use hearing from a friendly voice. If there is a veteran that you are aware needs a Buddy Check call(s), please email us immediately at [metpgahope@pgahq.com](mailto:metpgahope@pgahq.com). If you would like to join the Buddy Check Team to make calls to veterans in need please [click here](#).
- **PGA HOPE Hangouts!** Through the power of web conferencing we are hosting our first PGA HOPE Hangout on Sunday at 7:30pm. Here veterans will be able to see each other online and talk to one another. We will send an email on Saturday with instructions on how to join.
- **Social Media Interaction** - As many of you are aware many of our golf courses have shut down to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 but that doesn't mean that though using social media channels that we can't continue our training in our homes. Starting today we will be sending out videos from our PGA Professionals on ways to practice at home!

Thank you all and we look forward to the better times together soon. Until then please STAND DOWN and STAY HOME.

All My Best,

Kelli Clayton  
Met PGA Foundation Director