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# News Release

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## Amputee Veteran Golf Clinic Sept 23 in South Jersey

Amputee Veterans will gather in South Jersey Sept. 23 for camaraderie and a round of golf, as they take part in the **Amputee Veterans Next Step Golf Clinic** organized by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This year's event, to be held at Pitman Golf Course in Sewell, is the third annual golf outing for Veterans in the Philadelphia area. The major difference this year is, rather than a "First Swing" clinic where participants pick up a club for the first time and spend some time on the driving range, the 2010 event will feature an actual 9-hole scramble, best-ball tournament.

There will be nine teams, each made up of two amputee Veterans, one golf teaching professional, and one special guest. After registration and optional swing practice, they will spend the morning on the course learning about the game, receiving tips, and getting hands-on assistance from the pros. The day will close with a lunch and awards ceremony.

The goal of the Next Step clinic is to give the Veterans the tools they need to play a game of golf on their own and continue on the path of rehabilitation and recovery. Participants include those who successfully completed one of the First Swing clinics in 2008 and 2009.

The event is sponsored by Philadelphia VAMC, VA Healthcare – VISN4, and Pitman Golf Course. More information is available from Bethany Purdue, 215-823-4507.

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