



# MAJOR ROB SOLTES

## 11TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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**Major Charles Robert Soltes, Jr., O.D.**

U.S. Army

March 15, 1968 - October 13, 2004

Rob served our Nation as a Public Health Commander with the 426th Civil Affairs Battalion, United States Army. On October 13, 2004 while serving in Mosul, Iraq, his convoy was attacked. Major Soltes was the first optometrist killed in action while on active duty in the United States Army.

With your support, we continue to honor Rob through the annual golf tournament. Charitable donations are made in his memory to the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA). Our primary focus is to aid Operation Peer Support, a program for our recent war blinded veterans. Donations will also support other BVA programs, his alma mater, Norwich University; The Rob Soltes Memorial Scholarship.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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**The Major Rob Soltes Memorial Golf Tournament supports the Blinded Veterans Association, and its Operation Peer Support Program(OPS).**

**OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE OVER \$50,000.00 THIS YEAR.**

**Your donations enable the Blinded Veterans Association to:**

-  Discover, develop, and promote research opportunities for vision restoration for all who have experienced vision loss due to trauma.
-  Provide funding for blinded veteran caregiver support and training.
-  Facilitate opportunities that build strength and visibility for individual OPS veterans, programs, and research.
-  Bring together new veterans experiencing vision loss with those of other generations.
-  Support Project Gemini, a special exchange program established with military counterparts from England (UK Blinded Veterans).
-  Provide funding to allow for veterans and their caregivers to attend the annual Blinded Veterans Association national convention where they meet their peers, find resources and are provided with renewed hope.

**We hope to continue funding the OPS program and expanding support to other BVA programs this year.**



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July 22, 2015

Dear Friend,

We want to personally thank you for your past support of the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA), specifically the Operation Peer Support Program (OPS). Your help has made a real difference in the lives of many veterans.

We invite you to continue your support again this year, as the need continues to grow. We have opportunities for continuing education, golf, volunteers, sponsorship/promotion, and the donation of goods and services for our events.

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Since 2004, the Major Rob Soltes Memorial Golf Tournament has been raising money to support eye care services in the name of Dr. Rob Soltes who was the first U.S. Army Optometrist to be killed in action. In 2011 we began supporting the Operation Peer Support Program of the BVA and our support has grown every year.

Your donations enable the Operation Peer Support Program to bring together new veterans experiencing vision loss with those of other generations, support a special exchange program with blinded counterparts from the United Kingdom, provide funding for caregiver support, and help bring other programs that build strength and visibility for individual OPS veterans, programs, and research. We hope to continue funding the OPS program and expanding support to other BVA programs this year.

These veterans have paid a high price to help secure our country's defense and security. Now is the time to stand with them. Please send in your tax-deductible donation, register for continuing education or to play golf, sponsor one of our tournament opportunities, volunteer. It is also important that you understand that our fundraising efforts are on the behalf of the BVA, all proceeds are deposited directly into BVA accounts. All of the opportunities to participate are online at [www.soltesmemorial.com](http://www.soltesmemorial.com).

The veterans thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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