



NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES

LOCAL COMPETITOR PROFILE

James Joseph Poole- A Leader in the Community

James Joseph Poole displays the marks of a true leader in his service to this nation and his service to his community. Poole, age 59, is currently the director of the Senior Promise Program at St. Francis Hospital of Beech Grove. For the last six and one-half years, he has helped many people who needed assistance in paying their bills and guidance with their medications through this program. Currently a resident of Indianapolis, he is married with two children.

A veteran of the US Army, Poole served his country from March of 1967 until July 1970, and then served again from August 1971 until July 1991. His military career sent him across the globe, having him participate in actions in Vietnam, Greece, Germany and Operation Desert Storm. Poole worked in the highly dangerous but critically important Bomb Disposal Unit, where he was routinely exposed to explosions and gunfire, a job that he faced with courage and pride. In 1968, an explosion ruptured his ear drum and it has left him with problems with his hearing. He received the prestigious Purple Heart award for his bravery.

This will be Poole's first time at the National Veterans Golden Age Games, and he is expected to be a powerful competitor in the golf and nine-ball events. Other than the events themselves, Poole is excited to experience both the camaraderie and the team spirit of the Games. What he is looking forward to the most is meeting the other veterans and being able to share, as well as hear, stories about time spent in the service. Poole added that he loves the idea of a veterans-exclusive athletic meeting because he knows that he will share a bond with all of those participating, as well as have fierce competition in all of the events. Be sure to watch for this dedicated first-timer who will surely make his mark in the National Veterans Golden Age Games!

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