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## Participant Profile (National)

**Marvin Heminger**

**Marine Corps Combat-Wounded Veteran of the Korean War**

**79 years old**

**Holland, Ohio**

Golf was something Marvin Heminger had never tried before he lost his eyesight in 1979. Since then, he has discovered how much fun it is after attending the National Veterans TEE Tournament for 14 years.

He's seen a definite improvement in his skills throughout the years, but admits that he doesn't fit much golfing into his life until August, the month before the annual Tournament.

Heminger first learned about this event from a friend in his support group for the blind in Toledo, Ohio. Now, he encourages others to attend so they can enjoy the same opportunities he has.

Heminger was injured in May 1952 when he was hit by a hand grenade during his service in the Korean War. Although he lost his sight nearly 30 years later, he attributes his blindness to the injuries he sustained during his military service, and says that the Department of Veterans Affairs has been instrumental to his recovery.

In his spare time, Heminger loves to garden, fish and play around on his computer. Before having knee surgery in recent years, Heminger also attended the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, held in Snowmass, Colo.

He believes that the TEE Tournament is a wonderful opportunity for injured Veterans to experience a special fellowship with others who understand firsthand what having a disability is like.

**"I think this is a wonderful event," said Heminger. "All of the people in Iowa are awesome and I always encourage others to attend so they can see how great it is, too."**

