

The PGA's Plans for Servicemen

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This is to present the plans of the Professional Golfers' Association relative to our War Program undertaking. Without the aid of all the golf clubs, both private and public, the fine plans as now outlined could not materialize.

If among my readers there should be members of boards of directors of private golf clubs, then to you I make an appeal to get behind our plans to aid the boys in all branches of the armed services.

During World War II, PGA members made many noteworthy contributions. In the present emergency, with the armed forces expanded tremendously, the PGA War Program Committee is determined to see to it that all servicemen interested in golf will be given all the aid possible to further this interest.

Our National War Program Planning Committee consists of ten men strategically situated geographically. The thirty PGA sectional Presidents have appointed sub-committees in each section. The sub-committeemen will contact special service officers at all military bases and try to aid the athletic officers with all plans for golf programs. Among our projects are:

1. Periodic visits to all armed service installations in the country by local professionals, scheduling golf clinics and group instructions.

2. Aiding the special service officers in erecting golf ranges and practice nets and supervising the construction of putting greens, when possible.

3. Picking out qualified men in the services to aid athletic officers with golf.

4. Helping supply golf films.

5. Interceding and speaking at local organization lunches, such as Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Junior Chambers of Commerce, for the purpose of obtaining funds for golf balls, clubs, cotton balls and all necessary equipment for the boys' enjoyment.



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6. Appealing to the same groups to donate golf libraries to cantonments in their areas. Our Committee has contacted publishers of ten of the best golf books written and has arranged to have these delivered in one package.

7. Aid in forming golf teams at all cantonments and scheduling matches for these teams, with private clubs and inter-service teams.

8. Contacting all golf clubs to try to arrange for service men to use the courses at specific dull periods, either free or at nominal green fees. Arranging with clubs and athletic officers some sort of ticket allocation for the men permitted to play.

9. Helping athletic officers with rules of deportment expected of these men while playing various courses.

10. Selling War Bonds locally at all exhibitions, open and pro-amateur tournaments in the event our country's safety is threatened.

To make the project the success we hope it will become, everyone connected with golf is earnestly requested to lend a hand.