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## Dear «First»:

## **Patriot Day Committee:**

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Freedom isn't Free....having served in the military this is something you've learned first hand. We both know that too often freedom comes with a price of tragic losses that leave families ripped apart and unprepared for the challenges ahead of them. We are very proud to announce that on July 21, 2013 Crestwood Golf Club will be hosting a Patriot Day Golf Tournament (name to be determined by you) to benefit the Folds of Honor Foundation. As a friend of Crestwood and because you have also served in the military, we are reaching out to you to be on the committee and be a part of this exciting effort. We are going to host a tournament that leaves a mark in this community and beyond! As you may already know, I used to work as a professional development officer, so I am confident we can make this tournament a huge success. In fact, we already have 4 sponsors so we are off to a strong start!

Please join me for a breakfast committee meeting on Tuesday, February 26th, 9:00 am at Crestwood Golf Club. I have invited those of you that I specifically know served in the military, but encourage you to invite others that you know would also enjoy being a part of planning this exciting event. I have included the list of invitees in the margin for your reference.

Below is additional information about this vital cause, and also attached is information about the origins of the Folds of Honor.

Over 700,000 soldiers have been killed or disabled in the military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan--Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn. These service members' families exceed the national average of 2.5 dependents per household. As of January 1, 2012, over one million dependents have been adversely affected by multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 87% of the dependents affected by the recent wars do not qualify for federal scholarship assistance. While the federal government provides some support for these families, it cannot succeed alone without proactive civilian organizations to assist.

The need is great, and, to paraphrase the words of Patrick Henry, their battle is ours. As Americans, we feel a collective duty to honor those who have sacrificed by serving the families they leave behind.

The Folds of Honor Foundation is rallying a nation to ensure no family is left behind in the fight to preserve American freedom. Through scholarships and other assistance, we give back to the spouses and children of soldiers killed or disabled in service to our country. We provide healing, hope and an opportunity for dreams to be realized...with the support of people like you. We feel this is our duty as citizens of the greatest country in the world.

I hope that you can attend the meeting on February 26th at 9:00. Please RSVP to my cell (call or text) 520-4427 or email crestwoodgolf@gmail.com to RSVP. Also, please let me know if you have invited others who will be attending so I know how much food to prepare.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration,

Barbara Presky