



Major Dan Rooney Biography

Major Dan Rooney is the founder of the Folds of Honor Foundation, a Fighter Pilot with 3 combat tours in Iraq, the founder of The Patriot Golf Club, a PGA Professional, and author of *A Patriot's Calling—Living Life between Fear and Faith*. He was the only motivational team speaker for the US Ryder Cup team in Wales.

Folds of Honor, a non-profit organization, provides scholarships to the spouses and children of military service members disabled or killed in action. In five short years Folds of Honor has raised over \$70 million and awarded over 10,000 scholarships to the family members KIA or disabled in combat.

A Major in the Air Force Reserve and a decorated military aviator, he is a two-time recipient of the Top Gun award and was honored with the Spirit of Attack award as a top graduate of F-16 training. He has received many decorations to include the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Anti-terrorism Medal, Combat Readiness Medal and Air Expeditionary Medal.

For his service and patriotism—Rooney was presented the White House's "Presidential Volunteer Service Award" by President George W. Bush, the Air National Guard's "Distinguished Service Medal", the Air National Guard's "Directors Service Award" and the Ellis Island "Medal of Honor".

He was honored at The Masters Invitational with the "William D. Richardson Award" for his outstanding contributions to golf and received the PGA of America's first-ever "Patriot Award". He has been recognized as one of People Magazine's "Heroes of the Year", Money Magazine's "Hero of the Year" and ABC World News Tonight's "Persons of the Year". Major Rooney has also received one of golf's most prestigious awards, the ASGCA'S 2014 Donald Ross award and just recently the Kansas University Distinguished Alumni Award which recognizes alumni who have made remarkable contributions to their profession, the nation and the world. He is a "Significant Sigma Chi" and was featured on NBC World News Making a Difference report.

Rooney founded The Patriot, a Robert Trent Jones, Jr.-designed course in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is currently ranked 42nd among American golf courses in Golf Week's Modern Top 100. The Patriot is home to the Folds of Honor Foundation headquarters.