



## NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES UNION

20 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01103

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Correctional Employees Union (NCEU) is a preeminent labor union specializing and only representing correctional officers and correctional support staff. The NCEU was started in 2008 with 450 members in Massachusetts, and has grown since to approximately 1800 correctional professionals over five states - MA, NH, ME, NY and PA. Correctional professionals perform a great public service to every community while receiving little respect or notoriety. One of NCEU's goals is to build awareness for correctional officers and correctional support staff by holding events such as this one in order to educate the public.

The amount of stress endured by correctional staff leads to Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD) and above average divorce and suicide rates. "In 2011, Spinaris conducted an anonymous survey. It was found that 34% of correctional officers suffer from PTSD. This compares to 14% of military veterans." (Desert Waters Outreach Study, 2013). Stress is a huge problem for correctional officers throughout the United States. "A 2013 U.S. Department of Justice's Programs Diagnostic Center Study (PDF) found corrections officers:


- Have a much higher rate of suicide than those in other occupations.
- Experience some level of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) during their careers.
- On average, will not live to see their 59th birthday" (inpublicsafety, 2015).

In recognition of the hard working men and women in the corrections profession, the NCEU in partnership with the NMOHF is holding its 2018 Golf Tournament. This golf tournament will be an opportunity for correctional professionals to network, destress, and have some fun while supporting the NCEU Scholarship Fund and the National Medal of Honor Foundation that contributes to this year's Medal of Honor Awards. In 2010, the NCEU launched its scholarship fund. The scholarship fund was established to provide much needed financial assistance to children from our correctional families, and to encourage them to fulfill their dreams and goals by furthering their education.

This year's Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018 at the Franconia Golf Course on 619 Dwight Road in Springfield, Massachusetts followed by a dinner at the Elks Lodge Pavilion located on 440 Tiffany Street in Springfield as well. I am contacting you in hopes of becoming a sponsor to make this event a huge success. The various sponsor levels are as follows: Gold-\$2,000, Silver-\$1,500, Bronze-\$1,000, VIP-\$750, Classic-\$500, Cart-\$175 and Hole-\$150. Please see the back of this letter for the sponsorship form that outlines the various sponsor levels.

If your organization would like to participate in this year's event as a sponsor, please complete and return to the NCEU the sponsor form as well as the golf registration form. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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