

TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS Sponsorship Commitment Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Sponsor | \$1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Sponsor | \$10,000 |

Other \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Tight Lines for Troops** 501(c)(3) #45-4492599

Mail to: Tight Lines Sponsorship
P.O. Box 274
Manistee, MI 49660

For more information about the Tight Lines for Troops Sponsorship Program
or to participate in other opportunities to help, please contact:
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8TH ANNUAL

TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS

**Charity Fishing Tournament
for Michigan Veterans**

May 20, 2017

Manistee, Michigan

Hosted by:



**Manistee
Area
Fishing
Boats**

2017 SPONSORSHIP FORM

ABOUT TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS

Now in its 8th year, Tight Lines for Troops (a federally recognized nonprofit organization) proudly announces its 8th Annual Charity Fishing Tournament for Michigan Veterans. The event will be located at the First Street Boat Launch Area in Downtown Manistee. We are pleased that this prominent area at the end of First Street has become the “forever home” of the Tight Lines for Troops event. All activities will be held under the large tents in this location including the registration and Friday Mandatory Meeting, as well as those which take place after a day of fishing on Saturday. The fishing boats will be located at the Manistee City Marina in Downtown Manistee. We believe this will provide increased opportunities to interact with the local community, who have consistently honored and supported our veterans and this event in prior years.

The 2017 boat fleet consists of approximately 50 big lake fishing boats, and several boats accustomed to providing a river fishing experience for those who are interested. Again, the host committee will offer a Pier/Shore division for those who wish to fish from the shore. In all, the 2017 Tight Lines Fishing Tournament will deliver a memorable experience for approximately 250 Michigan Veterans, most of whom have not yet had an opportunity to attend and participate in this outstanding event. Those who receive “boarding priority” are WWII and Korean War vets, POWs, Purple Heart recipients; then any Veteran of any branch of service and select active duty service people.

Though the fishing tournament itself is limited to registered participants, the public is invited to join the “Welcome Back Celebration” as the boats return to the marina, traveling up the river channel to the City Marina. The Riverwalk along the river channel will be lined with patriotic and appreciative fans, waving their flags to cheer and welcome the fishermen back “home”. In expressing his gratitude for the event one previous participant said, “When I came home from duty, we were told not to wear our uniforms. The people were tired of Southeast Asia. Thank you for honoring these great men and women for their service. I was honored to be part of the day.” Another participant shared these feelings: “This is the Welcome Home I never received. After all these years, I cried because I didn’t realize how much it meant to me. I was proud to take part.” Every year we are moved by these same types of comments. Be a part of the Celebration and join us on the Riverwalk for the Flag Welcome!

The success of this program is a result of the collective efforts of over 500 sponsors and volunteers. Veterans pay no charter fees or entry fees. It is with great pleasure and honor that we all look forward to hosting the 8th Annual Tight Lines for Troops Charity Fishing Tournament for Michigan Veterans on May 20th, 2017.

TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to unite organizations, businesses, sponsors and communities to help provide a free fishing tournament open to all Michigan Veterans from all eras, wartime and peacetime. By bringing our Heroes together we endeavor to build and foster new relationships, share their experiences and enjoy fishing in the great outdoors of Michigan.

Our all-volunteer, not-for-profit efforts will improve the quality of life for many Veterans, reinforce patriotism, educate and bring awareness that we must continue to support and honor those who have defended our country and our freedoms.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Donations cover the expenses of the tournament participants based on need, including transportation and lodging, and event expenses. All donations are tax deductible.

VETERAN SPONSOR \$250

This sponsorship helps veterans who would not otherwise be able to attend.

- All Sponsors are mentioned at weigh-in activities and the awards banquet.

COPPER SPONSOR \$500

- Small corporate name and logo on publications printed after sponsorship commitment.
- Your Banner (not to exceed 48"x18") displayed prominently at event location.

BRONZE SPONSOR \$1,000

- Medium corporate name and logo on publications printed after sponsorship commitment.
- Your Banner (not to exceed 48"x18") displayed prominently at event location.

SILVER SPONSOR \$2,500

- Half page ad in the event program.
- Large corporate name and logo on publications printed after sponsorship commitment.
- TLFT provides one 60"x18" name and/or logo company banner, displayed prominently at event location.
- Web-site link to your business on www.tightlinesfortroops.com

GOLD SPONSOR \$5,000

Complimentary Events: Captains' & Veterans' meeting & dinner, fishing tournament weigh-in, and awards banquet

- Full page ad in the event program.
- Large corporate name and logo on publications printed after sponsorship commitment.
- TLFT provides one 10' name and/or logo company banner, displayed prominently at event location.
- Web-site link to your business on www.tightlinesfortroops.com

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$10,000

- Exclusive category name/logo designation as platinum sponsor on all promotional materials.
- Full page ad and welcome letter from your company's CEO in the event program.
- Presenting sponsor listing and mentions including stage presentations, event promotions, pre and post weigh-in activities, and print and broadcast interviews.
- 20' primary event signage prominently displayed over main stage and all event areas as appropriate.
- Web-site link to your business on www.tightlinesfortroops.com

In kind donations are always welcome and appreciated.

MANISTEE COUNTY VETERANS ENDOWMENT FUND - In honor of his father, who served in the Dutch Army during World War II, and in appreciation of American and Allied soldiers who liberated the Netherlands when he was a boy, Ted Arens and his wife, Pam, established the Manistee County Veterans Endowment Fund. The Fund supports the unmet needs of veterans and their families who reside in Manistee County, including Canadian and Allied soldiers with wartime service. It is administered through the Manistee County Foundation. www.manisteefoundation.org

THE D.J. JACOBETTI HOME FOR VETERANS - This home is located in Marquette, Michigan and cares for 188 Veterans. Phone: 800-433-6760. This home provides two levels of care - domiciliary and nursing. In addition, other services such as spiritual, medical, social, recreational and educational are provided. All services are supported from individual members, Federal subsidies and appropriations by the State of Michigan. www.michigan.gov/dmva

MID-MICHIGAN HONOR FLIGHT - An officially recognized Regional Hub of the National Honor Flight Network whose Mission is “to transport America’s Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their sacrifices.” Their Vision is to honor those whose past service to our nation guarantees the present you and I enjoy, and the future for our children and grandchildren. We hope to give all of these heroes their own memorable, safe, and rewarding Tour of Honor, FREE for the Veteran. The Honor Flight Network is a national organization with programs to transport Veterans across America to see their memorials. Regional Hubs, like Mid-Michigan Honor Flight, is just one of the programs available. Visit their website at www.honorflight.org