

# TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS Sponsorship Commitment Form

## A few facts about Tight Lines for Troops.

- Helped over 2300 Veterans from more than 145 different Michigan communities enjoy a day of fishing.
- Donated over \$65,000 back to Michigan Veterans organizations.
- Continue to put 100% of funds raised back into the event.
- Federally recognized as a 501c(3) nonprofit organization .
- Over 40 Boat Captains donate their time and boats each year totaling over 400 boats to date. (Most come back every year.)
- Huge Manistee area community support with approximately 300 volunteers helping annually; totaling almost 3,000 volunteers to date, with approximately 10,000 volunteer hours to date.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Sponsorship Level:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Sponsor | \$250  | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sponsor   | \$2,500  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copper Sponsor  | \$500  | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsor     | \$5,000  |
| <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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**May 19-20, 2023**

**Manistee, Michigan**

**ANNUAL**

# TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS

## Fishing Tournament for Michigan Veterans

### 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.

## 2023 SPONSORSHIP FORM

Hosted by:

**MANISTEE  
IRON WORKS**

**Little River**  
CASINO RESORT

**Manistee  
Area  
Fishing  
Boats**



## ABOUT TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS

We are pleased to announce the 2023 Tight Lines for Troops Annual Fishing Tournament for Michigan Veterans!

Back in 2010, when Captain Bob Guenthardt shared his desire with his fishing friends to provide a fun day of fishing to say “thanks” to our military veterans for their service to our country they never dreamed the event would have such a profound effect on the thousands of men and women they have shared it with over the years. Memories shared, and memories made. Tears shed, and friendships forged. Strength, support, and camaraderie so strong between all who participated. For some the event has reconnected them to life and the living, and for others the day provides hope of a better tomorrow.

We have been humbled by these men and women, and honored to be able to provide this special day of thanks once again, after two long years of COVID disappointments and struggles.

Many of our participants will be return guests, though most each year are first timers and so excited to attend. Over 350 veterans attended in 2022!

Though the fishing tournament itself is limited to only registered participants, our local community has embraced the event and the opportunity to thank our veterans themselves, and the Flag Welcome on the Riverwalk is certainly a testament to that. Each year supporters come from miles away to join in this Welcome Home procession, the only welcome home many of our veterans ever received. Be a part of the Celebration and join us for the Flag Welcome!

It is through the ongoing support of over 50 Boat Captains, a multitude of sponsors and financial donors, over 500 volunteers, and our businesses and citizens that we can make this event possible. Please help us continue to honor our military veterans by providing this special day of giving thanks. Every contribution matters.

Thank you.

### Quotes from participants:

*“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.”*

*“My heart almost burst when we came up the harbor seeing all those people waving flags and saluting the Veterans. Tears streamed down my face uncontrollably.”*

*“My father has always wanted to fish the big lake but we could never afford to charter a boat. This was a great day for him and all the veterans...thank you from the bottom of my heart.”*

## 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.
- Your company banner, displayed prominently at event location.
- Web-site link to your business on [www.tightlinesfortroops.com](http://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.
- Your company banner, displayed prominently at event location.
- Web-site link to your business on [www.tightlinesfortroops.com](http://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](http://www.tightlinesfortroops.com)

**In kind donations are always welcome and appreciated.**

## 2023 Beneficiaries



**MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES**  
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**D.J. JACOBETTI, MARQUETTE**  
**MICHIGAN VETERAN HOMES**  
**AT GRAND RAPIDS, GRAND**  
**RAPIDS**



### MID-MICHIGAN HONOR FLIGHT

The mission of the Mid-Michigan Honor Flight is to honor Veterans by taking them to Washington DC to tour the memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifices. It is a day of remembrance, reconciliation and honor.

**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](http://www.manisteefoundation.org)