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Participant Profile (Local)

Michael Potter
Navy Veteran
52 years old
Iowa City, Iowa

After losing his vision in 1997, Michael Potter decided it would not stop him from living his life. He began attending the National Veterans TEE Tournament the same year.

Although losing his eyesight was difficult, he now says that the TEE tournament taught him he could still do a lot of the same things he did before.

While golf is the primary activity at this annual national program, adaptive horseshoes and bowling are also offered during the week. Through this program, Veterans like Potter learn skills they can use year-round to improve their quality of life. Potter says that practicing golf at home with his friends is always a good time.

Potter served in the Navy from 1975-77. He was discharged after developing neurological problems which resulted in a seizure disorder. Losing his sight later in life, however, was not related to those problems.

Potter thinks one of the greatest things about the TEE tournament is seeing different generations of Veterans come together, saying that it's not every day that you get to see a WWII Veteran out on the course playing with a young Veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“It’s all about attitude,” said Potter. “You may have limitations, but your attitude is more limiting than any disability. Getting up and doing something is the hard part; the TEE tournament makes it a whole lot easier.”

