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BAY PINES, Fla. – Today, Bay Pines Fisher House leadership received a new EZGO golf cart, courtesy of [Tee It Up for the Troops](#).

“We are immensely grateful and excited to receive this amazing donation from Tee it Up for the Troops,” said Fisher House Manager Shentrella Diggins. “Convenience and comfort are critical priorities for us as we serve families who stay at the Fisher House, and thanks to Tee it Up for the Troops, we will be able to extend that priority for those families through transportation to and from the Fisher House and the C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center.”

“It is a great honor to team up Fisher House and our golf car partner, [E-Z-GO](#), to provide these beautiful and functional carts which greatly assist in adding comfort for these American heroes and their families in their time of need,” said Tee It Up for the Troops President & Executive Director Tim Wegscheid.

Bay Pines Fisher House is the latest beneficiary of Tee It Up for the Troops, who has been worked closely with Fisher House Foundation to support Veterans and families across the country for many years.

“We are very proud to continue a great tradition by donating this vehicle to the Bay Pines Fisher House which now makes a total of 26 delivered since we launched this initiative,” continued Wegscheid. “We truly believe that Veterans and military families are entitled to be taken care of, and donating these vehicles is another way that we do that.”

[Fisher House Foundation](#) was established in 1990 by Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher to provide temporary accommodations at no cost to family members of hospitalized Veterans and active-duty military. Bay Pines VA has two Fisher Houses on the Bay Pines campus, and since 2002 has received more than \$1M in donations from local, regional, and national organizations, individuals, and Veteran Service Organizations.

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### **About Bay Pines VA Healthcare System**

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System (BPVAHCS) is one of the nation's largest tertiary healthcare facilities, caring for Veterans residing across ten counties in the Southwest region of Florida. We served more than 105,000 Veterans in 2023, across our 10-county catchment area. Our healthcare system includes nine facilities: C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center, located in Bay Pines, Lee County Healthcare Center, located in Cape Coral, and seven outpatient clinics located in Bradenton, Naples, North Pinellas, Port Charlotte, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, and Sebring. We employ more than 4,500 health care professionals, and we are accredited by The Joint Commission and more than 10 additional accreditation and certification organizations.

### **About Fisher House**

Fisher House Foundation is best known for its network of 97 comfort homes where military and Veteran families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide, and in Europe, close to the medical center or hospital they serve. Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. Fisher House Foundation ensures that there is never a lodging fee. Since inception, the program has saved military and Veteran families an more than \$500 million in out-of-pocket costs for lodging and transportation.

### **About Tee It Up for the Troops**

Tee It Up for the Troops is a military non-profit organization that hosts golf fundraisers to provide assistance to veterans. Tee It Up for the Troops has donated over \$16 million to vetted partnering organizations who assist veterans and their families with the transition from the battlefield to the home front by helping them gain access to critical services and support they need and deserve. In addition, we have reunited nearly 400 combat veterans, helping them to overcome the hidden wounds of war like anxiety, depression, isolation, and suicide.