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'You are patriots and we appreciate it.'

GARY WIREN, director of golf instruction for Trump Properties



Gary Wiren, director of golf instruction for Trump Properties, gives a lesson to members of the Achilles Freedom Team, a group of wounded war veterans, at Trump International Golf Course in West Palm Beach on Thursday.

Marathon-bound war vets get Trump tee-time salute

Golf lesson, round a thank you to N.Y.-based Achilles Freedom Team for military service.

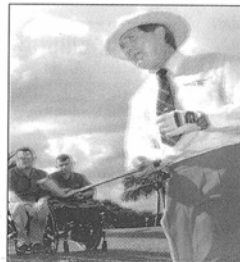
By DAVID ROGERS
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Tim Gustafson is a strapping young man with broad shoulders, a wide smile and a polite manner. What sets the 31-year-old Manhattan, Kan., resident apart from most members of his generation is

his military service.

In January 2005, while serving in Iraq as part of the Tennessee National Guard, Gustafson was riding in a Humvee that struck a roadside bomb. The explosion ripped open his right leg, forcing a partial amputation.

Mary Bryant, vice president of the New York-based Achilles Freedom Team, approached him in the hospital that February, while he was still in a wheelchair. She encouraged Gustafson to join.



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Wiren demonstrates the proper form to use when gauging the distance for a pitching wedge shot.