

## ***PRESIDENT'S AWARD***

*This award bestows special recognition on an individual whose tireless effort, unwavering dedication, and exceptional contributions to the game of golf result in significant benefit to the Middle Atlantic Section, its members and apprentices, and to the entire golf community. The Section President personally selects the outstanding recipient of this award.*

***Mike Waugh, PGA***  
*Battlefield Golf Club*  
*Chesapeake, Virginia*

The MAPGA President, Andy Weissinger, personally selects this President's Award winner to recognize an individual who has been working "under the radar," to improve our game, our industry, and our Association. Mr. Weissinger has identified Mike Waugh, PGA for his endless support of the Section, his fellow PGA professionals, and the advancement of the game of golf. Since 2010, he has hosted one of the largest fundraisers for Patriot Golf Day.

Mike claims that as a boy who came out of the hollers of West Virginia it has been an amazing journey and he has been blessed beyond measure. He was born to Charles and Iva Waugh in West Virginia on January 4, 1960. He has three siblings Debra, Joe, and John Waugh. Upon his family moving to Norfolk, Virginia he was introduced to the game of golf by his neighbor at thirteen years old. Mike attended High School at Norview High School and was the number one player on the high school golf team for all four years. He received many medals and qualified for the 1975 State Insurance Youth Classic.

While it was his neighbor who introduced him, it was a short order cook, Tony Silvestri, who took Mike under his wing and allowed him to start dumping trash, stocking shelves, and washing golf carts in exchange for golf privileges at Ocean View Golf Course. He eventually became a golf professional at that same course in 1978 when he was named Assistant Professional. He briefly worked as an Assistant Professional at Lake Wright Golf Course before returning to Ocean View as the General Manager for American Golf Corporation. He held that position for eleven years before American Golf transferred him to Reston National to serve as the GM there. Mike moved back to Ocean View Golf Course as a GM to oversee a \$3 million dollar renovation which partnered American Golf Corporation and the city of Norfolk. He then served as a multi-course GM for a local golf company overseeing Honeybee Golf Club, Chesapeake Golf Club and Owls Creek Golf Course. In 2005, he built Battlefield Golf Club in Chesapeake Virginia which he continues to own and operate today.

He lists some of his most significant golf accomplishments as being elected to Chairman's Circle for American Golf Corporation in 1987 and being elected to PGA membership in 1993. He is proud of his long-standing fundraising efforts for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, and Folds of Honor. Mike simply loves being around the golf course. He doesn't think there is a "secret" to his success but thinks that PGA Professionals are in the service business and that passion for golf should transcend a friendly "Cheers" like atmosphere.

While Mike has known his wife, Susie, since the second grade, they have been married for 38 years. He describes her as an incredible wife, a wonderful role model and a courageous two-time cancer survivor. They share two children (Erin, an Elementary School Teacher and Shannon, a Project Manager for a Fortune 500 company) and four grandchildren (Cullen, Tanner, Easton, and Camryn).