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## **The Warrior Beach Retreat Golf Classic**

Emerald Coast Behavioral Hospital will be hosting its first annual golf tournament to benefit a great local organization, the Warrior Beach Retreat. The Warrior Beach Retreat was created after Linda Cope's son (Ret.) Army Sgt. Joshua Cope was wounded in combat. On November 12, 2006 Joshua was severely wounded by an IED blast in Baghdad, Iraq. He lost both of his legs above the knee and both hands were severely injured. As a mom, Linda was able to watch her son, and witnessed the tenacity of the American Soldier. There are so many heroes in this great nation, so many spouses and care givers that need our encouragement. Her vision is to bring every wounded warrior possible along with their spouses or caregivers to Panama City Beach for a week of rest and relaxation. (Ret.) Army Sgt. Joshua Cope has turned tragedy into triumph. It has not been an easy journey. He has chosen to preserve amidst unimaginable hardships... his life is truly an inspiration to us all.

This local organization is a 501 c 3 non-profit corporation. The Warrior Beach Retreat's goal is to bring combat wounded service members of the Iraq and Afghanistan tours and their spouses/caregivers to spend an entire 7 day week away at our relaxing beach retreat here in the World's Most Beautiful Beaches of Panama City, FL. With their personal experience and passion about those who served our country, they know what it takes to bring rest to a wounded soldier and caregiver. From a lineup of memorable activities to motivational speakers and lodging, the Warrior Beach Retreat knows how to help these families re-connect, refuel, and regain a new sense of "normal" with their injured loved one.

Emerald Coast Behavioral will be hosting its 11<sup>th</sup> fundraising drive to help this great organization. Emerald Coast Behavioral has been able to raise over \$110,000 through the past 10 fundraisers that helped to bring these brave service members to the beach for a weekend of rest and relaxation. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of our local community.