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NEW GOLF PRO TAKES CHARGE AT MUSCATINE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE



MUSCATINE, Iowa – The Muscatine Municipal Golf Course has a new golf professional with the announcement that David Crawley has accepted the offer to operate the facility starting today (April 3) according to Richard Klimes, Parks and Recreation director for the City of Muscatine.

“This is a new place that I have never been to before,” Crawley said. “I have never been to Iowa before the month of March and I have been looking to get out of the military establishment, start something new, and look for a good place to raise my family. I have found that here in Muscatine.”

Crawley spent the past 15 years working for the United States Army as the business programs manager at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Baumholder, Germany, (2001-2006) and at Custer Hill Golf Course at Fort Riley, Kansas (2006-2016) before his position was eliminated by government budget cuts in 2016.

“There are a lot of opportunities through the PGA right now to promote the game of golf so I will be just trying to get out and grow interest in the game of golf,” Crawley said. “I also want to work with Physical Education teachers at the schools to grow the interest in the kids at school to come out to the course.”

Crawley was able to get some playing time on the local course over the weekend and although he would not reveal what his score was, he did say that this course is set up well for the beginner to experienced golfer.



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“I would say that it is really set up for people of all skill levels, for somebody just starting out, or somebody that is just below handicap and a good golfer,” Crawley said. “There are a couple of greens out there that are really interesting as far as slope and I am looking forward to developing the course and programs.”

Crawley graduated from the PGA Professional Golf Management program in 2014 but accumulated plenty of experience in managing golf course operations even before that certification.

“I am passionate about the game of golf, the history, and have a deep respect and interest in the rules of the game, serving as a rule official at Web.com events in the Kansas City and Lawrence area over the last four years,” Crawley said.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1988-2001, Crawley began his civilian life as the business programs manager at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Baumholder, Germany. The nine-hole United States Army Golf Course with 50 members had 10,000 rounds of golf during a nine-month season. He was responsible for a staff of 12 during the peak months and developed both Host Nation and American tournaments/programs to promote golf education. Crawley was also responsible for pro shop operations and working with the co-host German golf club.

In 2006 Crawley moved to Custer Hill Golf Course in Fort Riley, Kansas, as the business programs manager and head PGA Golf Professional. The 18-hole United States Army course has 100 members with 15,000 rounds played annually. He was responsible for a staff of 18 employees and one PGA professional on contract, pro shop operations, and served as deputy safety officer for the golf course.

Among his accomplishments at Custer Hill was developing programs with the Warrior Transition Battalion that enabled wounded warriors to learn the game of golf, developing 10-15 tournaments a year to help with resiliency in soldiers, and increasing total revenues in golf operations by nearly 50 percent over six years.

Crawley currently serves as a board member for First Tee of Manhattan, a chapter of the First Tee network with locations at Junction City Country Club and Colbert Hills Golf Course that introduces the game of golf and its inherent values to young people. He also served as district director for the Flint Hills



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District of the Midwest Section of the Professional Golf Association (MPGA), and as a member of the board of directors of that organization.

He received the 2016 Jon E. Jacobson Award from the Midwest Section PGA, for outstanding service and leadership to the Section, the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service from the U.S. Army, and was designated as the Soldier of the Year at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., in 1996.