

## MAGCS IN MOTION

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### 2009 MAGCS Hospitality Reception

The MAGCS Hospitality Reception will take place in New Orleans in conjunction with the Golf Industry Show. The event will take place on Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Loews New Orleans Hotel. We have reserved their Piazza D'Italia (pictured below) for a first-ever outdoor (weather permitting) Reception. If the weather is not conducive the event will take place upstairs in the Louisiana Ballroom. The Loews Hotel is located at:

300 Poydras Street,  
New Orleans, LA, 70130  
866-211-6411.



The Reception is open to all MAGCS members and their guests, thanks in great part to our Golden Tee Sponsors, all of who are listed at magcs.org as they solidify their commitment to this event. We hope to see many of you there.

### Dues Renewal

MAGC dues renewal is in full swing. Paper invoices have been sent to all current members as well as a few email reminders. Remember you can pay your dues online or by US Mail. Please make sure all of your contact information is up to date by the end of January, 2009. We will be downloading all of the membership data then to create our printed 2009 membership directory.

### MAGCS

The December issue is upon us and this wraps another fine year for *On Course*. We had a number of great articles published this past year; a special thank you to all those that took the time to put their thoughts on paper to share with our membership. If you have a story you want to tell, the 2009 editorial calendar is being developed at present and there is a slot for you. Please contact Harry Lovero, Editorial Chairman and Golf Course Superintendent at Orchard Valley Golf Course.

# ON COURSE

Another thank you is due to all of our advertisers that supported the magazine in 2008. Without their support, it would be difficult to deliver such a high quality publication

each month. Make sure you support our advertisers as you make your purchasing decisions in the coming months.

All of our current advertisers have received the 2009 *On Course* Advertising Contracts and Rate Sheets. If there are companies that you currently use for products and services, make sure they know how to reach our membership through *On Course*. Please forward their contact information to the MAGCS office.

### MAGCS Member Serving Our Country

As we enter into the Holiday Season, please remember Staff Sergeant Dean Styburski (Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at Western Acres Golf Course in Glen Ellyn) and his family. Dean was deployed to Afghanistan in the early part of November. He writes of Afghanistan:

"It is very remote. I'm surrounded by mountains and I am at an elevation of over 7,000 feet above sea level. Afghanistan, here is very dry and dusty. The war is on, sad to say, but with your prayers and thoughts, hopefully all of our service members will come home safely. This is the real deal here, and I am as prepared as I can be."

As you are writing your Christmas cards in the coming weeks, include one for Dean and the other brave men and women who serve so unselfishly.

SSG Dean Styburski  
1st Platoon 333rd MP CO  
FOB Waza Khwa  
APO, AE 09354



"Here is a picture of my Team, Dragon Hammer 13 (SSG Dean Styburski on left). Things are going well here as they say. Well as well as can be. I hope all is well there. So long for now. Send letters."