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Corks and Coughlin

The Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Hosts Annual Wine Tasting Gala





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Charlie Hunt and Caitlin Brunell

More than 800 wine enthusiasts, gourmets, philanthropists, friends and local celebrities joined two-time Super Bowl-winning Head Coach Tom Coughlin at Venue 841 on the Downtown Jacksonville Riverfront for the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Wine Tasting Gala on March 2. Attendees had the opportunity to sample food from some of the area's top restaurants, enjoy a selection of hundreds of wines, and bid in an exclusive silent auction that included rare wine, sport memorabilia and travel packages. Proceeds benefited the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund, which provides financial, emotional and practical support for families tackling childhood cancer. To date, the foundation has provided more than \$17 million in financial assistance t more than 5,000 families.





Mr. Humphrey Turns 102!





Vaughn A. Humphrey, called Sam by most, turned 102 on March 18. He is believed to be the oldest living veteran of WWII's Battle of the Bulge.

Inducted into the Army in 1942, Sam rose in rank and served overseas 1944-1946 under General Patton's command before being honorably discharged, having survived active combat. He helped his division release prisoners from two concentration camps, earning him a multitude of bars, stripes, and ribbons, even a Bronze Star Medal.

The Jacksonville Chapter of DAR threw a birthday party for Sam. They invited his local family members and the Jacksonville Chapter of SAR. A short program recapped Sam's military service, and he received two certificates and another medal. All attendees signed a birthday card while music of Sam's era played, including several patriotic numbers. Sam's favorite desserts were served—chocolate cake, chocolate ice cream, and chocolate eclairs. An invocation and benediction opened and closed the celebration.

At 102, Sam is still fully mobile, requiring only a cane for balance; takes only a few medications; remembers most everything; and reads his bible daily. "I attribute my longevity to my mother's genes," he said.

