

THE NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

GREAT GAMES ON A GREAT LAKE – IN MILWAUKEE



JUNE 19–23, 2007

Wheelchair athletes who participate in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games do so for the competition, the camaraderie and the glory. More than 500 athletes will convene in Milwaukee for the 27th Games, to be held June 19–23, 2007. Veterans who will compete in Milwaukee have served from World War II to the present time. Among the newest competitors will be veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Games include such competitive events as quad rugby (murderball), slalom (timed obstacle course) and basketball. Some athletes are first-time, newly injured veterans; others are world-class Paralympians. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in Olympic style to winning athletes.

Come see this extraordinary event in Milwaukee this summer!

STORY IDEAS:

SPORTS

- ★ Wheelchair Sports (track, field, basketball, softball, swimming, and more)
- ★ World-class (Paralympic) athletes
- ★ Quad rugby (murderball) in action
- ★ Special exhibition events: wheelchair curling and trapshooting
- ★ New and experienced athletes and teams
- ★ Local athletes and teams

MILITARY/PATRIOTISM

- ★ Military heroes
- ★ Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom veterans
- ★ Combat-injured competitors
- ★ Female veterans
- ★ Veterans spanning generations

HEALTH

- ★ Training for the competitions
- ★ Spinal cord research
- ★ Wellness for wheelchair users
- ★ Wheelchair technology/new prosthetic devices
- ★ Classification system for wheelchair competition
- ★ First-time track clinic for amputee athletes

FEATURE/HUMAN INTEREST

- ★ “Kids Day” activities
- ★ Volunteers at the Games
- ★ Getting ready for the Games
- ★ Special events/ceremonies
- ★ Celebrity guests
- ★ Corporate sponsors



The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are copresented by the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

