

National Veterans Wheelchair Games



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Volunteers needed for National Veterans Wheelchair Games June 19-23

Milwaukee, WI – The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the 27th National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) is recruiting 2,500 volunteers to help with a wide variety of activities for the five-day sports event taking place in Milwaukee June 19-23, 2007. *The Great Games on a Great Lake*, as they are quickly becoming known, are expected to attract more than 500 athletes to compete in 18 Olympic-type sporting competitions. Volunteers will be needed beginning June 18 through the 23rd. Applications are now being accepted.

“Committed volunteers will be key to giving veteran athletes a warm welcome and a great experience while competing in the Great Games,” said Denise Jashinsky, volunteer coordinator at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center. “Volunteers are needed in food service, transportation, site setup, scoring, timing, registration, water distribution and many other areas,” said Jashinsky. “It is a great opportunity for students.”

Volunteers who commit to a minimum shift requirement will receive a free volunteer T-shirt. Light meals and snacks will be provided to anyone who works more than a four-hour shift in a day. Volunteers will be asked to attend an orientation session to acquaint them with the program.

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Events will take place at the Midwest Center and other venues throughout the Milwaukee metroplex. Competitive events include archery, swimming, table tennis, weightlifting, air guns, basketball, softball, quad rugby, bowling, handcycling, wheelchair slalom, power soccer, a motorized wheelchair rally and track and field. Exhibition events this year are trap shooting and curling. Also a first-time amputee track clinic is being planned.

For more details or to download a volunteer application or register on line, visit www.wheelchairgames.org. To request additional information, call 414 389-3999 or e-mail denise.jashinsky@med.va.gov.

The 27th National Veterans Wheelchair Games are open to all U.S. military veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, amputations or other mobility impairments. Athletes compete against others with similar athletic ability, competitive experience or age. The Games are presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). The 2007 Games are hosted by the Milwaukee VA Medical Center and the Wisconsin Chapter of PVA.

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About VA: A cabinet-level department, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is a world leader in rehabilitation, with comprehensive recreation therapy programs at its medical facilities. VA provides excellence in patient care, veterans benefits, memorial programs and customer satisfaction. VA employees continue to offer their dedication and commitment to helping veterans get the services they have earned. To learn more about VA programs and benefits, visit VA's web site at www.va.gov

About PVA: Founded in 1946, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) celebrated its 60th anniversary last year. During the past six decades, PVA has helped paralyzed veterans attain the benefits they earned and provided these veterans with the programs and services to improve their quality of life. PVA is a dynamic, broad-based organization with more than 19,000 members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. To learn more about PVA, visit its Web site at www.pva.org