

National Veterans Wheelchair Games



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Omaha Artists, Musicians, Trendsetters Join Hands to Raise Funds *Local event benefits 28th National Veterans Wheelchair Games*

OMAHA, Neb., April 22, 2008 – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System and the Great Plains Paralyzed Veterans of America will host “A Night at the Bemis” fundraiser May 17 to benefit the 28th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, coming to Omaha this summer.

The fundraising event at The Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, 724 S. 12th Street, begins at 7 p.m. The event will showcase Omaha’s finest food, fashion, music and art. All proceeds will support the Games being hosted in Omaha July 25 to July 29.

“A Night at the Bemis” is presented by Quality Brands of Omaha / Anheuser – Busch. The evening features a fashion show, local artists, musicians and a live and silent auction. Tickets cost \$25 per person, \$40 for couples and \$20 for guests 20 years and younger.

Corporate contributions and in-kind donations are currently being accepted for “A Night at the Bemis.” All contributions are tax deductible. To order tickets, contribute funds or provide in-kind donations for the event, call Kindra Krueger at 995-4418 or e-mail Kindra.Krueger@VA.gov. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

The event will feature:

- Artists: Glass Harmony, Nic Nicosia, Cuthbert & Stolzberg and Therman Statom
- Runway show: Agency 89 and Reel People models will present today’s hottest fashion trends from beyourself boutique, Urban Outfitters, Wake N Skate and T’eez Salon
- Musicians: Little Brazil, Sleep Said the Monster, 49 Cents, oom-pah and musical selections by Brent Crampton of loom
- Live and silent auctions by emcee, S. Scott Moore

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“We’re thrilled to have the best of Omaha’s art and entertainment industry come together to offer this unique event benefitting the 28th National Veterans Wheelchair Games,” said Craig Enenbach, the Games local organizing committee coordinator. “We’re thankful for the community’s continued support of our veterans and look forward to the event’s success, made possible by the generous community that we live in.”

The Games are sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Paralyzed Veterans of America. The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System and the Great Plains Paralyzed Veterans of America are hosting the 2008 event. For more information, contact Will Ackerman at (402) 995-4719; or by e-mail at william.ackerman@va.gov. The Games Web site is: www.wheelchairgames.va.gov.

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