



Athlete Profile (Local)

Scott Grove – Always Trying to Give Back

Scott Grove, 37, an Air Force veteran from Omaha, Neb., is one independent person. He owns his own business, Mascot Productions, which produces inspirational videos for people. "My company identifies specific needs within the community and surrounds the program with professionals to give back to those who may not have the same opportunities as everyone else."

Grove joined the military in 1989 as a way of giving back to his country. While serving in the Gulf War, he was involved in a serious motor vehicle accident that threw him from his vehicle and broke his neck. "Now, I'm a quadriplegic but more passionate and driven than I've ever been. I enjoy teaching and inspiring others on dealing with some of the turmoil and tragedy life can bring."

Grove has not let his injury set him back. "It has taught me more about life than any other experience," he said. It has become his mission to teach others how to better deal with their injuries. Since the accident, he feels that his other senses have heightened and now he wants to show everyone what he can do.

In July 2008, Grove will compete for the fourth time in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. He first became involved in the annual event while a member of the Great Plains Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. As past president of that group, competing in the Wheelchair Games was one of many events that made him feel very proud to be a disabled veteran. By participating, he was able to continue serving his community – and his country – in every way he could.

Now he is working out five days a week at a private gym to prepare for the 28th annual Games, taking place in Omaha, July 25-29. At the 2008 program, he will compete in the shot-put and weightlifting events as well as several others.

Grove is enthusiastic about helping other people, and is excited about the opportunity to compete in the Games. He feels the National Veterans Wheelchair Games give veterans an opportunity to enrich their lives and enjoy camaraderie with other veterans. Of course in the process, he is also hoping to bring home the gold for his local Nebraska team.