



# PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS

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## **Paralyzed Veterans to Participate in NWBA Championship Games**

Denver, Colorado — The Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter (MSCPVA) welcomes the National Wheelchair Basketball Association to Denver for the Division III Championship games.

MSCPVA is especially excited to welcome a few of the athletes and coaches who are also members of Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). Mr. Orlando Perez, Mr. Scott Winkler (2008 Paralympian), Mr. Jeff Snover, the coach of the Augusta Bulldogs, and Mr. Charles Allen of the Dallas Mavericks are all attending the NWBA Division III Championship games.

Basketball is regarded by many as the flagship sport of wheelchair sports. What began more than 50 years ago as a way to blow off steam by returning veterans in Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals has evolved into a national institution. PVA is proud to have founded wheelchair basketball, which eventually expanded beyond paralyzed veterans and became an all-inclusive international sports activity.

Denver will be visited by more wheelchair basketball athletes when the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) is hosted in Denver on July 4-9, 2010. For more information on the 2010 NVWGs, contact the PVA Mtn. States Chapter at 1-800-833-9400.

MSCPVA focuses on improving the quality of life of paralyzed veterans and all individuals with physical disabilities through sports and recreational activities. Participating in a sport helps a person physically, emotionally and socially. Expanding opportunities in wheelchair sports and recreation enhance a lifetime of health and fitness.

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*The Mountain States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, a veterans service organization, was established in 1955 and serves paralyzed veterans in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and Utah, all of whom have catastrophic paralysis caused by spinal cord injury or disease. A Public Service Announcement made for PVA is available from the chapter. To learn more about MSCPVA visit our web site at: [www.mscpva.org](http://www.mscpva.org).*