



# PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS

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## **Stand-Alone VA Hospital in Denver a Victory for Veterans**

Denver, Colorado — The Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter (MSCPVA) applauds President Obama and Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Eric Shinseki for pledging to build a stand-alone VA replacement hospital with a state-of-the-art 30 bed spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D) center in Aurora, Colorado.

*"It's a hospital that has been needed in this region for many years," said MSCPVA President, Mr. James W. Sack. "We're pleased to see this project finally come to fruition. The inclusion of a 30-bed SCI/D center will allow for paralyzed veterans to receive their care closer to home."*

MSCPVA commends the new Administration for listening to the veterans' concerns, quickly making a decision, and clearly demonstrating the VA's commitment to provide the best possible health care to the men and women who have selflessly served this nation.

Veterans have been fighting for this replacement hospital since the VA's own Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) report identified the need nearly 10 years ago. MSCPVA has worked alongside other veterans' service organizations and lawmakers to ensure veterans receive the quality health care they deserve. Today's announcement by Secretary Shinseki was a long awaited victory for veterans and their families.

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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).*