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**Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness Week**

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***Leadership, Service, Empowerment***

A Time to Honor America's Paralyzed Veterans and Their Families

**AURORA, CO** – Next week marks the founding of Paralyzed Veterans of America 63 years ago. All Americans are encouraged to take time out of their busy schedules to honor those who have served and sacrificed and to provide leadership, service, and empowerment in every community across the country to help America's paralyzed veterans.

The Mt. States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (MSCPVA) will sponsor weeklong activities and events to raise community awareness of paralyzed veterans and all people with disabilities. PVA members, who spend thousands of hours helping other veterans with spinal cord injuries and dysfunction in VA hospitals, will discuss how PVA's mission impacts their lives as well as those of all Americans with disabilities.

*"I encourage people to take a minute to acknowledge and show appreciation to a service member or veteran, and their families," said PVA Mountain States Chapter President, James W. Sack (Navy – Vietnam Veteran). "One way for the community to contribute to the lives of paralyzed veterans is by ensuring businesses and leisure activities are more wheelchair accessible."*

The following local activities are scheduled next week:

- 04/13/09 – MSCPVA Open House
- 04/14/09 – PVA National Service Office Open House
- 04/15/09 – Pizza Party at the Denver VA Hospital
- 04/16/09 – MSCPVA Information Booth at the Denver VA Hospital
- 04/17/09 – Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

With events and activities across the county and the theme *Leadership, Service, Empowerment*, Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Week highlights the unique challenges facing veterans with spinal cord injury and dysfunction. It also highlights the work of PVA to empower seriously wounded heroes and their families with everything they need to thrive.

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Notes to editors

*Founded in 1955, the Mt. States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America is a congressionally chartered, veterans service organization specializing in assisting and promoting a full lifestyle for veterans affected by spinal cord injury or neurological disease. To learn more about the Mt. States Chapter, visit our web site at [www.mscpva.org](http://www.mscpva.org).*