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**Mt. States Chapter to Kick Off Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Awareness Week April 13-19, 2008**

A time to honor and highlight the continuing courage, service, and leadership of  
America's Paralyzed Veterans.

**AURORA, CO** – Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. has proclaimed the week of April 13-19, 2008, as PVA Awareness Week in the state of Colorado. The Mt. States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (MSCPVA) will sponsor weeklong activities and events to raise community awareness of our member veterans and all people with disabilities. MSCPVA members, who spend thousands of hours helping other veterans with spinal cord dysfunction in VA hospitals, will discuss how PVA's mission impacts their lives as well as those of all Americans with disabilities.

*"We welcome the public to visit the Chapter office during our open house or join us at any of the activities scheduled throughout the week," says Mt. States Chapter President, James Sack (Navy – Vietnam Veteran). "It's a great opportunity for the public to learn about our organization and to meet and to thank veterans who have served our country honorably."*

Paralyzed Veterans of America was founded in 1946 and is the only congressionally chartered veterans service organization dedicated solely for the benefit and representation of individuals with spinal cord injury and disease. For 61 years, PVA and its 34 local chapters have been working to create an America where all veterans, people with disabilities, and their families have everything they need to thrive. The Mt. States Chapter represents more than 620 veterans who reside in the Rocky Mt. region of Colorado, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming.

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Notes to editors

All events are open to the public. Please see the attached schedule of events for more information.

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).