



# PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS

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## **Mt. States PVA Remembers America's Heroes**

Denver, Colorado — The Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter (MSCPVA) will be remembering America's fallen heroes by participating in Denver's Memorial Day parade on Saturday, May 22, 2009, alongside members of the Wounded Warriors Project. We encourage the community to honor our members of the military by joining us for the parade as spectators or participants.

In the wake of 9/11, our Nation held a renewed understanding of the value of service that our military service men and women provide and the sacrifices they make.

Our military is still the most highly respected in the world, largely because of the dedication and loyalty of each Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine and Coast Guard. However, phrases like "*fighting for your safety*" and "*freedom isn't free*" are often overused and undervalued. The true meaning and image that should be brought to mind just doesn't come anymore. And yet, for every time a word like "*sacrifice*" is thrown loosely around, there is a husband, a mother, a soldier who is living it.

This Memorial Day, let's restore the significance to words like "*honor*" and "*courage*". Let's do it for every lonely, exhausted soldier who sits in a dusty tent late in the evening, looks at pictures of his family in the warm glow of his flashlight, and says a silent prayer before bed, not knowing the danger the next day will bring.

At MSCPVA, we are dedicated to ensuring that the sacrifices made by our members are always remembered. Some gave years of their lives for the sake of our nation's safety. Others lost their ability to walk to an insurgent sniper's bullet while protecting our freedom. And then, there were those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The men and women who selflessly gave their lives to our nation in times of crisis should be remembered by all.

Those interested in joining us during the parade should meet supporters of MSCPVA and the Wounded Warriors Project on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and Bannock Street in Denver at 9:00am. For more information, contact the Chapter office at 303-597-0038 or visit our website at [www.mscpva.org](http://www.mscpva.org).

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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).*