



PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS

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Paralyzed Veterans to Host 3rd Annual Rocky Mountain Shootout Wheelchair Billiards Tournament June 26-28, 2009

Fountain, Colorado — The Mountain States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (MSCPVA) will host the 3rd Annual Rocky Mountain Shootout 9-Ball Open Wheelchair Billiards Tournament in Fountain, Colorado, June 26-28th. MSCPVA hosts sporting events to bring community awareness of veterans with disabilities and invites the public to learn more about the rehabilitative programs and the services provided to its members by attending this competitive event.

In cooperation with Widefield Corner Pocket Billiards, MSCPVA will host this nationally sanctioned, National Wheelchair Poolplayers Association & PVA tour event to showcase wheelchair pool players, mostly paralyzed veterans. Participants will compete for prize money and awards.

“We look forward to hosting another PVA/NWPA tour event at a first class establishment, featuring top rated flyers from around the country,” said Mark E. Shepherd, Sr., executive director for MSCPVA. *“It is sure to be an exciting event.”*

MSCPVA spends thousands of hours helping members, fellow disabled veterans, and other persons with disability recover from the physical loss associated with spinal cord injury and disease through various social and recreational programs, such as billiards tournaments.

MSCPVA is one of 34 nationally chartered chapters of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, a congressionally chartered veterans' service organization founded in 1946. PVA's mission is meeting the special needs of veterans with disabilities. PVA is an effective advocate for its members by pursuing: quality health care; research and education - addressing spinal cord dysfunction; benefits that have been earned by its members from their military service; promoting civil rights and other opportunities that maximize the independence of its members and all individuals with disabilities.

Widefield Corner Pocket Billiards is located at: 6502 S. Highway 85/87, Fountain, CO 80817

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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 its web site at www.mscpva.org.