



PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS

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Paralyzed Veterans to Participate in Muddy Mayhem

Denver, Colorado — The Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter (MSCPVA) welcomes the 1st Annual Muddy Mayhem Off-Road Adventure to Spring Canyon Park in Ft. Collins, CO on July 10-11, 2009. The Paralyzed Veterans of America and U.S. Handcycling Federation (USHF) partnered for this unique event, which features two days of off-road handcycling for paralyzed veterans, active duty and OEF/OIF military with disabilities, and civilian athletes with disabilities.

Activities include an introductory clinic for new and first-time riders, an off-road tour, and a "for fun" race. Loaner equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and full scholarships are available for OEF/OIF veterans. Registration is \$20 for any or all events, and only \$15 for USHF members. For more information or questions, please email Geoff Hopkins at the PVA: geoffh@pva.org.

"MSCPVA looks forward to participating in this novel, 1st time event," said Mark E. Shepherd, Sr., executive director for MSCPVA. *"We're certain those that ride will enjoy themselves. We look forward to a very positive outcome."*

Colorado will be visited by more wheelchair handcycling athletes when the 30th Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) is hosted in Denver on July 4-9, 2010. For more information on the 2010 NVWGs, contact the PVA Mtn. States Chapter at 1-800-833-9400.

MSCPVA focuses on improving the quality of life of paralyzed veterans and all individuals with physical disabilities through sports and recreational activities. Participating in a sport helps a person physically, emotionally and socially. Expanding opportunities in wheelchair sports and recreation enhance a lifetime of health and fitness.

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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.