



PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS

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Paralyzed Veterans of America to host 5th Annual Invitational Wheelchair Bowling Tournament August 27-30, 2009 in Colorado Springs

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO — The Mountain States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (MSCPVA) will host their 5th Annual Invitational Wheelchair Bowling Tournament in Colorado Springs, Colorado. MSCPVA hosts this local event annually to bring community awareness of veterans with disabilities and showcase wheelchair bowlers from around the United States.

August 27-30, 2009 MSCPVA, in cooperation with King Pin Bowling Lanes, will produce this nationally sanctioned, American Wheelchair Bowling Association (AWBA) tournament event. More than 75 disabled bowlers, mostly paralyzed veterans, will compete for prize money and awards. MSCPVA invites the public to learn more about the Paralyzed Veterans of America, their programs and services provided to its members by attending this competitive event.

On Friday evening, the Invitational includes an Up/Down tournament, which consists of teams of one wheelchair bowler and three able-bodied bowlers. We invite the community to form teams and join us!

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

The Mountain States Chapter is one of 34 nationally chartered chapters of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, a congressionally chartered veteran's 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.

“Mt. States Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America is instrumental in reminding the community the service our disabled veterans have given and continue to give to society. This annual bowling tournament not only provides recreation for wheelchair bowlers, it also allows an opportunity for the community to get involved with our organization.”

James W. Sack – MSCPVA President (Navy – Vietnam Veteran)

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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. To learn more about MSCPVA visit our web site at www.mscpva.org.