



# PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS

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## **Paralyzed Veterans of America Celebrate Groundbreaking of New Denver VA Medical Center**

### **Groundbreaking Ceremony**

*August 22, 2009 at 1pm, 1600 Wheeling Street, Aurora, Colorado*

Featuring the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki, MSCPVA Board Members and representatives from the national Paralyzed Veterans of America organization.

Aurora, Colorado — The Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter (MSCPVA) will celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Denver VA Medical Center this Saturday. MSCPVA is especially excited to welcome U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki, who will be participating in the Groundbreaking Ceremony.

The new Denver VA Medical Center will be a stand-alone replacement facility and will include a state-of-the-art 30 bed spinal cord injury and disease center. MSCPVA has worked diligently with the VA to ensure the inclusion of the center, the first in VISN 19, which will provide veterans with access to the specialized treatments necessary for severe spinal cord injuries.

*"It's a hospital that has been needed in this region for many years," said MSCPVA President, Mr. James W. Sack. "We're pleased to see this project finally come to fruition. The inclusion of a 30-bed SCI/D center will allow for paralyzed veterans to receive their care closer to home."*

Veterans have been fighting for this replacement hospital for nearly 10 years. MSCPVA has worked alongside other veterans' service organizations and lawmakers to ensure veterans receive the quality health care they deserve. The Groundbreaking Ceremony with Secretary Shinseki will be a long awaited victory for veterans and their families.

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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).*