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Department of Veterans Affairs and Paralyzed Veterans of America Host Breakfast Fundraiser for 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games

**Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser
April 24, 2010 7 – 9:30 a.m.
410 South Colorado Blvd., Glendale, Colorado**

Denver, Colorado - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Eastern Colorado Health Care System, in conjunction with the Mountain States Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America, are hosting a breakfast fundraiser for the 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games. The event takes place on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at Applebee's restaurant on South Colorado Blvd. The all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast costs \$7 per person, with proceeds going to support the upcoming Wheelchair Games.

The 30th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, which will take place in Denver July 4-9, 2010, is the largest annual wheelchair sporting event of its kind in the world. The Games will attract more than 500 veteran athletes to participate in seventeen sports in venues located throughout the Denver metro area. In addition to producing national and world-class champions, the Games provide opportunities for newly disabled veterans to gain sports skills and be exposed to other wheelchair athletes. In past years, one-quarter of the competitors have never before participated in any type of organized wheelchair sports competition.

The Games will showcase Denver and Colorado, as the event, now in its 30th year, takes place in our state for the first time ever.

Tickets will be available at the door. Or, call Joan Spoden-Fenster at (303) 393-5268, to obtain tickets prior to the breakfast.

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About VA: *The Department of Veterans Affairs is a world leader in rehabilitation, with recreations therapy programs at each of its medical facilities. VA's goal is to provide excellence in patient care, veterans benefits and customer satisfaction. VA employees continue to offer their dedication and commitment to help veterans get the services they have earned. To learn about VA and programs for veterans, visit VA's web site at www.va.gov.*

About Paralyzed Veterans of America: *Sixty-three years ago, Paralyzed Veterans of America was founded by a band of spinal cord injured service members who returned home from World War II to a grateful nation, but also to a world with few solutions to the challenges they faced. These veterans from the "Greatest Generation" made a decision not just to live, but to live with dignity as contributors to society. They created an organization dedicated to veterans' service, medical research and civil rights for people with disabilities. And for more than six decades, Paralyzed Veterans of America and its 34 chapters have been working to create an America where all veterans and people with disabilities, and their families, have everything they need to thrive. (www.pva.org).*