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More than 2,000 Volunteers Needed for 30th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Denver, CO - More than 2,000 volunteers are needed to assist in the 30th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, taking place in Denver, Colorado July 4-9, 2010.

Volunteers are needed to assist with registration, meals, transportation, site set-up, timing, scoring, towel and water distribution, and other important tasks. All volunteers will receive a Games T-shirt and the satisfaction of helping veterans with disabilities achieve a tremendous personal triumph.

Volunteering is also an excellent way for high school students to earn community service credits for college applications.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games 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.

Events will take place at the Colorado Convention Center, Denver City Park, Dicks Sporting Goods Park, Invesco Field at Mile High, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Apex Meyers Pool and Fishback Park.

Volunteers under age 18 must have written parental guardian permission to participate in this volunteer program, and written authorization for diagnostic and emergency treatment in case of injury.

For more information about how to apply to be a volunteer, contact Susan Miller at 719-553-1032, or by e-mail at Susan.Miller4@va.gov. Volunteer applications and handbook are available on our website at www.denver.va.gov

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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*

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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).