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Congressman Perlmutter Joins Bowl-O-Rama Extravaganza for 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games

April 11, 2010 11:30a.m.-8p.m.
Lucky Strike Lanes in Bel-Mar
415 S. Teller St.
Lakewood, CO 80226

Lakewood, Colo. - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Eastern Colorado Health Care System and the Mountain States Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America will host a Bowl-O-Rama Extravaganza fundraiser for the 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games on Sunday, April 11, 2010 from 11:30a.m.-8p.m. at Lucky Strikes Lanes in Bel-Mar. At 3:45 PM, U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter (CO-07) will welcome the bowlers and participate in the event.

"I am proud to be a part of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games this summer in Colorado. These veterans are an inspiration to us all. They sacrificed so much for our freedom but they haven't let their injuries slow them down. I encourage Coloradans to get involved with the games this summer. Go watch these athletes compete or sign up to volunteer, just get involved and let these brave men and women know how much we support them. Additionally, these games will be an economic boon to the metro area, attracting athletes and their families from all over the country," stated U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games, which will take place in Denver July 4-9, 2010, is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world. The Games will attract more than 500 Veteran athletes to participate in 17 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.

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About VA: The Department of Veterans Affairs is a world leader in rehabilitation, with recreation therapy programs at each of its medical facilities. VA's goal is to provide excellence in patient care, veteran 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.

National Veterans Wheelchair Games



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. 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).