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## **Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs Hosts Business Community Kick-off Breakfast for 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games**

**Business Community Kick-off Breakfast**  
**January 11, 2010 at 7:30 a.m., The Ridgeline Room at the Pepsi Center,**  
1000 Chopper Circle, Denver, Colorado

Featuring **Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, Congressman Ed Perlmutter**, veteran athletes, board members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter and representatives from the national Paralyzed Veterans organization.

Denver, Colorado — The Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter (MSCPVA), in conjunction with the national Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Eastern Colorado Health Care System, will welcome Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, and Congressman Ed Perlmutter as they host a Business Community Kick-off Breakfast for the 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games on January 11, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

Representatives from Colorado's top 100 companies have been invited to the breakfast, which will include a presentation about the Games by the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and testimonials from both the athletes who have participated in past Games and corporate sponsors of the Games.

"Colorado is extremely proud to host the 30th National Veterans Wheelchair Games--the world's largest annual wheelchair sports competition," said Gov. Ritter. "These athletes demonstrate what one can accomplish through dedication, perseverance and a competitive spirit. Wheelchair athletes exemplify the very best in all of us."

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games, taking place in Denver, Colorado from 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 Business Community Kick-off Breakfast will allow participants to witness first-hand the beneficial impact of sports competition and wheelchair athletes for veterans throughout the country. Additionally, the Games will showcase Denver and Colorado, as the event, now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, takes place in our state for the first time ever.

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# National Veterans Wheelchair Games



**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](http://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](http://www.pva.org)).*