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VA Medical Center Hosts BBQ Fundraiser for 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games

**Friday, June 4, 2010; 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
(VA Medical Center grounds)
1055 Clermont St., Denver, Colorado 80220**

Denver, Colorado - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Eastern Colorado Health Care System is hosting a fundraising barbeque at the VA Medical Center on Friday, June 4. All proceeds will benefit the 30th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, taking place in Denver July 4-9, 2010. The BBQ will feature live music, a dunk tank, door prizes, wheelchair sports activities and Wheelchair Games souvenirs. Come meet the great athletes from the local team and local workers helping organize this incredible event.

The 30th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, being held in Denver for the first time, is the largest annual wheelchair sports event of its kind in the world. The Games attract more than 500 military Veterans who will compete in 17 different sports. Venues include the Colorado Convention Center and other Denver area locations. 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 been new to wheelchair sports competition.

The Games are presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and Paralyzed Veterans of America. The 2010 event is hosted by the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System and the Mountain States Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America.

For more information about the Games, visit www.wheelchairgames.va.gov



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).*