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Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs Recognize the Dallas Sports Commission as a National Host Sponsor of 35th National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Washington, DC—Paralyzed Veterans of America (Paralyzed Veterans) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are proud to recognize the Dallas Sports Commission as one of the national host sponsors of the 35th National Veterans Wheelchair Games. More than 600 veterans are expected to compete in this year's Games, scheduled for June 21–26 in Dallas.

“We thank the Dallas Sports Commission for welcoming us to their city and supporting the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and our veteran athletes,” said Al Kovach Jr., national president of Paralyzed Veterans. “Our national host sponsors provide a tremendous amount of support to the event and it's because of their support that the Games are possible.”

As a national host sponsor, the Dallas Sports Commission has provided invaluable assistance to the Games locally and will serve as an event host sponsor for the boccia and power soccer competitions.

“It's an honor for the Dallas Sports Commission and the City of Dallas to host the 35th National Veterans Wheelchair Games,” said Monica Paul, executive director of the Dallas Sports Commission. “We look forward to welcoming our veteran athletes and delivering a great Dallas experience for them.”

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games, presented annually by Paralyzed Veterans and VA, are open to all U.S. military veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition as a result of spinal cord injury, certain neurological conditions, amputations or other mobility impairments, and who receive care at VA medical facilities or military treatment centers.

“The National Veterans Wheelchair Games represents a significant commitment to the rehabilitation of our nation's veterans and empowering them to live more healthy and active lives through sports and recreation. The partnership with our sponsors to fulfill our mission helps us to reach out and support more of our nation's heroes,” said David Tostenrude, director of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.



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Veterans at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games will compete in 18 events: air guns, archery, basketball, bocchia, bowling, handcycling, a motorized wheelchair rally, nine ball, power soccer, quad rugby, slalom, softball, swimming, table tennis, track and field, trapshooting and weightlifting. This year's Wheelchair Games will also feature a rowing exhibition. Athletes compete in all events against others with similar athletic ability, competitive experience or age.

For more information about the 35th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, please visit www.wheelchairgames.org.

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About Paralyzed Veterans of America:

[Paralyzed Veterans of America](http://www.pva.org) is the only congressionally chartered veterans service organization dedicated solely to serving veterans with [spinal cord injury](#) or [disease](#). For nearly 70 years, Paralyzed Veterans has worked to ensure benefits, quality health care, accessibility, employment, and rehabilitative sports and recreation for veterans with disabilities. With more than 70 offices and 34 [chapters](#), Paralyzed Veterans serves veterans, their families and their [caregivers](#) in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. (www.pva.org)

About the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of National Veterans Sports Programs & Special Events:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of National Veterans Sports Programs & Special Events is the recognized world leader in rehabilitative and recreational therapies for disabled Veterans. VA promotes the rehabilitation of body and spirit by operating adaptive sports clinics and competitions around the nation. Learn more about VA's adaptive sports programs and partnerships at www.va.gov/adaptivesports.

About the Dallas Sports Commission:

The Dallas Sports Commission (dallasports.org) pursues amateur, grassroots, collegiate and professional championship events, positioning Dallas as the premier sports destination. A division of the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Dallas Sports Commission focuses on generating economic impact as well as improving the quality of life within the community through sports. Among the future events the Dallas Sports Commission will host are the 2015 National Veterans Wheelchair Games, WrestleMania 32 in 2016 and the 2017 NCAA Women's Final Four.