



Athlete Profile (Local)

Diane Marsh
Army Veteran
54 years old
Denver, Colorado

After dealing with the effects of multiple sclerosis for many years, Army Veteran Diane Marsh needed one more tool to help get back into life. She attended the 1996 National Veterans Wheelchair Games with the Minnesota Team – and it changed her outlook on life.

She has competed several times since then and has also moved to Denver. She says she can really feel the excitement of the Games coming to this city. Marsh believes that Denver is a great city and environment for people with a disabilities, and an excellent public transportation system for wheelchair users.



Marsh is competing in bowling and handcycling events at the 2010 Games. Now 54 and dealing with the effects of multiple sclerosis, she wonders if her best competitive days are behind her but vows to continue giving it all she's got at the Games. Besides, she chooses to continue participating to provide support to fellow Veterans.

When she isn't competing, you will find Marsh on the sidelines cheering on the newly injured Veterans. Marsh says that it is amazing to watch other people competing who are dealing with significant impairments and finds a great deal of satisfaction simply letting other Veterans know she is there for them.

"The Games are a therapeutic event for those with new injuries," said Marsh. "It gets people out of their shells after an injury or illness, and enables life again."