



## Athlete Profile (Local)

**David Spotts**  
**Navy Veteran of Vietnam**  
**60 years old**  
**Aurora, Colorado**

David Spotts, a Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War, is looking forward to sharing the inspiration of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games with his hometown friends and family.

Spotts is looking forward to his son and daughter cheering him on at the Games this summer. His daughter, who is in the Air Force stationed in Okinawa, and his son, a Marine serving in Afghanistan have never seen him compete.

Spotts was injured in a motor vehicle accident while travelling to Seattle for Christmas several years ago. Ironically, his brother Dan [Spotts], who is also a competitor in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, was injured 28 years prior in a small plane accident. Both endured the same injury, and both have become star athletes and national competitors in bowling.

Spotts says while the Games allow him to share in the camaraderie of sports and spend time with his friends at VA and PVA, he really enjoys spending time with the newly injured vets.

Having the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in his backyard this summer has motivated Spotts to compete at his highest level. He's proud to show off one of the best bowling venues in Colorado [the Brunswick Zone in Lone Tree], with more than 48 lanes. According to Spotts, everyone should have a great time.

**“When you want to try something new and different, it’s very inspiring to realize you can do a lot more than you thought,” said Spotts. “There’s nothing like it; it sets you off on a whole new adventure in life.”**

