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Veterans with Disabilities Gear Up for Adventure at San Diego Summer Sports Clinic National Adaptive Sports Event Marks 10th Year

WASHINGTON — Veterans from across the country are set to participate in the 10th National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic from Sept. 17-22 in San Diego, California.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) — in collaboration with founding event sponsor the Veterans Canteen Service and host level sponsors Fisher House Foundation, Cisco and Wyndham by the Bay Hotel - will host more than 120 Veterans with disabilities as they learn cycling, surfing, sailing, kayaking and archery at venues throughout San Diego during the rehabilitation sports and recreation clinic.

"Adaptive sports have a long history at VA, and our objective is to challenge Veterans to redefine their capabilities, set strong goals and live active, healthy lives," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "We want Veterans at this clinic to take what they have learned in San Diego and continue to move forward, not just for this one week, but the remaining 51 weeks of the year.'

The clinic kicks off with opening ceremonies at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside Hotel Pacific Ballroom at 2 p.m. Sept. 17, and sports activities take place Sept. 18-22. Participation is open to Veterans with disabilities who are receiving care at any VA medical facility.

The National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic is hosted by the <u>VA San Diego Healthcare System</u>, and more than 300 volunteers are expected to donate their time and effort. For more information, visit <u>www.summersportsclinic.va.gov</u> and follow #NVSSC on Twitter at @VAAdaptiveSport or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vaadaptivesports.

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