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## Registration opens for 2019 National Veterans Wheelchair Games

*Event to be held July 11-16 in Louisville, KY*

**WASHINGTON** — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that Veterans interested in registering for the 2019 [National Veterans Wheelchair Games](#) can do so online [Jan. 7 through April 15](#).

Presented by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and [Paralyzed Veterans of America](#) (PVA), the world's largest sports event for Veterans who use wheelchairs will be held July 11-16 at [Robley Rex VA Medical Center](#) in Louisville, Kentucky.

The event is a sports and rehabilitation competition to engage Veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or other neurological conditions.

"I encourage every Veteran interested in competing at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games to register for this important event," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "The games exemplify VA's commitment to supporting Veterans as they navigate through recovery and rehabilitation to active, independent lives. Sports and recreation play an important role in this journey, enhancing Veterans' positive mental health and physical well-being."

Each year, Veterans challenge themselves and cheer on their fellow Veterans in the excitement-packed games. This year, David Zurfluh, national president of PVA and a service-disabled Air Force Veteran, plans to compete alongside hundreds of other Veterans at the games.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games offer 19 different competitive events, including air guns, archery, basketball, bowling, field events, hand cycling, nine-ball, power soccer, quad rugby, slalom, softball, swimming, table tennis, track, trapshooting and weightlifting. Athletes compete against others with similar athletic ability, competitive experience or age.

For more information about the games, visit [www.wheelchairgames.org](http://www.wheelchairgames.org). Follow [VA Adaptive Sports](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) at @Sports4Vets.

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