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## VA, DAV partner to help Veterans ‘TEE’ up

### *Annual event focuses on rehabilitation through adaptive golf and recreational activities*

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and DAV (Disabled American Veterans) will host nearly 300 Veterans with visual impairments, amputations and other physical and mental challenges at an annual adaptive sports event Sept. 8-13 near Iowa City, Iowa.

The National Disabled Veterans Training Exposure Experience (TEE) Tournament, is a six-day instructional and rehabilitative event to promote health, wellness, fellowship and camaraderie for Veterans with life-changing disabilities.

“The TEE Tournament is a great example of how Veterans can overcome challenges and focus on improving their quality of daily living,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “The event highlights the work VA employees all around the country are doing to rehabilitate and spark new interests in our Veterans.”

The TEE Tournament is made possible by strategic corporate partnerships, nonprofit organizations and individual donors. It offers Veterans education in adaptive and therapeutic golf with instruction from PGA professionals as well as opportunities to develop new skills and participate in recreational sports, including horseback riding, disc golf, fishing, kayaking, scuba diving and biking.

Veterans will be paired with one of 700 volunteers who will support them throughout the week.

“Rehabilitative and adaptive sporting events like the TEE Tournament play an integral role in Veterans’ recoveries,” said Stephen “Butch” Whitehead, DAV national commander. “The health, wellness, fellowship and camaraderie that participants experience at this life-changing event are unparalleled.”

Persons interested in volunteering can complete the [online application](#).

For more information, visit [www.veteransteer.org](http://www.veteransteer.org) and follow Sports4vets social media pages: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#).

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