

## GENERAL INFORMATION

WHO MUST REGISTER:	All athletes, VA coaches, and support staff must register. Each individual registering must complete a separate online registration.
ELIGIBILITY:	All Veterans, ages 55 or older, who receive health, care from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
REGISTRATION	Online registration must be completed by May 14, 2015. Registration check-in for the games will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, at the CenturyLink Center. Early registration will be offered on 2 p.m. to Friday, August 7, 2015
EVENTS	All athletes must enter at least four, but no more than six events.
EVENT RULES	Event rules are available at <a href="http://www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov">www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov</a>
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	All athletes are required to have a completed medical clearance form on file to compete. Form is available at <a href="http://www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov">www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov</a>
WAIVER	All athletes are required to sign and click acceptance on the Agreement, Release of liability.
IDENTIFICATION	All athletes are required to present their VA ID card for identification during registration.
CLASSIFICATION	<p>All age classifications will be determined by the athlete's age as of Jan. 1, 2015.</p> <p>There are six age classifications: 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 80-84, 85+</p> <p>Athletes will compete by gender in the following events: badminton, bowling, cycling, horseshoes, field, swimming and track.</p> <p>Wheelchair athletes will have a separate division in the following events: bowling, horseshoes, nine ball, shuffleboard, and table tennis.</p>

	<p>Visually impaired athletes will have a separate division in the following events: bowling, horseshoes and shuffleboard.</p>
AWARDS	<p>Medals will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers. Ribbons will be awarded to the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places.</p>
AIR TRAVEL	<p>Athletes should plan to arrive and depart from Omaha's Eppley Airfield (OMA), which is approximately 5 minutes from the hotels.</p>
TRANSPORTATION	<p>Representatives of the Games will greet athletes at the airport and direct them to hotel transportation. Transportation will be provided Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, between the airport and hotels. Hotel shuttles will be available for transportation before or after this date.</p> <p>Transportation will be provided from the hotels to the Century Link Center and from the Century Link Center to all of the National Veterans Golden Age Games' sponsored events.</p> <p>Transportation will be provided from the hotels for departures on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015.</p>
LODGING	<p>The 2015 National Veterans Golden Age Games hotels are located in downtown Omaha, Neb. After you have completed your online registration, you will receive instructions for making hotel reservations. A base rate of \$102 plus 13.75% taxes per night was negotiated for host hotels. The deadline for making hotel reservations is June 25, 2015.</p>
MEALS	<p>Meals will be provided at the Century Link Center beginning with dinner on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, through dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015. Meals will be furnished at no cost to 2015 NVGAG Veteran athletes. Concession stands will be open at the CenturyLink Center for VA Coaches, and support staff who wishes to purchase any meals via cash, credit/debit card or travel card.</p>

<p>MEDICAL:</p>	<p>Medical assistance will be provided 24 hours a day at the host hotel and NVGAG events as part of the 2015 National Veterans Golden Age Games.</p> <p>Athletes should ensure they bring enough medication and medical supplies to last throughout the games.</p>
<p>WEATHER:</p>	<p>August in Omaha brings average temperatures ranging from the mid to high 80s during the heat of the day to the mid-60s at night. The relative humidity can range from 50% to 92%. Please bring clothing appropriate for all types of weather.</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION</p>	<p>Once your online application is complete you will receive a confirmation email. Please log back in to your NVGAG account and provide your travel information by June 25, 2015, to ensure transportation to and from the airport.</p>
<p>WALL OF HEROES</p>	<p>The National Veterans Golden Age Games traditional "Wall of Heroes" will continue at the games in Omaha. Please send two photographs to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Anna Morelock, Local Coordinator 29th NVGAG Nebraska-Western Iowa HCS 4101 Woolworth Ave. Omaha, NE 68105</p> <p>Photos should depict athletes "then and now." Please include a current photograph and a photo from the past, preferably in military uniform. Please note Wall of Heroes photographs will be returned at the games in your registration packet.</p>
<p>HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO</p>	<p>An expo will be held Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, to showcase health and wellness information and services for seniors.</p>
<p>EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS</p>	<p>The Office of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and the VHA Office of Patient Centered Care &amp; Cultural Transformation will provide health coaching, educational sessions and a forum for athletes.</p>