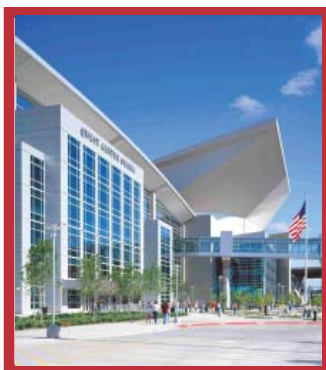




I am interested in volunteering for the 2008 National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Please add my name to your mailing list and send me a volunteer registration form.

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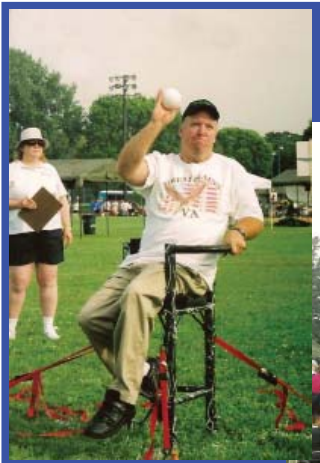


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Wheelchair Games  
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July 25-29, 2008**

## The History

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are presented each year by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) with additional support from numerous corporate and community sponsors.

The Games began in 1981 with 74 athletes and has grown to over 575 veterans who compete. During its 28-year history, 23 cities have hosted this event.



## Facts About the National Veterans Wheelchair Games

- ★ Athletes from across the U.S. participate, as well as Puerto Rico and Great Britain
- ★ Athletes range from WWII era to those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan
- ★ 16 competitive events during the week (see [www.wheelchairgames.va.gov](http://www.wheelchairgames.va.gov) for all events)
- ★ 82 percent male and 18 percent female participation
- ★ 26 percent have been disabled for more than 25 years
- ★ Seven percent have been disabled less than two years
- ★ 40 percent are Vietnam era veterans
- ★ Six percent are OEF/OIF veterans
- ★ Over 2,000 volunteers are needed
- ★ \$2.8 million projected economic benefit to Omaha



## Join the Team

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System and the Great Plains Paralyzed Veterans of America are pleased to invite you to join us as we prepare to host this ***Quest for the BEST!*** July 25-29, 2008.

Omaha was selected based on availability of sports venues, accessibility of the city and local interest. As a premier sports city, Omaha has excellent hotel accommodations, close proximity to the airport, the Qwest Center Omaha and numerous areas of visitor interest. The athletes are looking forward to experiencing a week of Omaha's finest.

**Please support these veterans who have already sacrificed so much for our country.**



**Join us in our *Quest for the BEST!* in Omaha in July 2008 - when we will host the largest annual wheelchair sports competition in the world!**