



NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES

Local Competitor Profile

Alan McCullough: Gold is his ultimate Goal

Winning a gold medal at this year's National Veterans Golden Age Games is not Alan McCullough's only goal but it is his ultimate goal. Participating in the Games for the first time, McCullough, age 55, is a hometown favorite as he is a native of Indianapolis, Ind.

He served four years in the Air Force from 1972-1976. A maintenance mechanic, he spent time at a missile site on Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota, where the mission is to deliver decisive combat power for global response. McCullough was also stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines and Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota.

Along with his physical therapy at the Indy VAMC, where he continues to be treated for a shoulder injury he sustained while in the Air Force, McCullough gets plenty of exercise. He enjoys air rifling, basketball, tennis and recreational cycling, which he plans to compete in at the 2008 National Veterans Golden Age Games. He cycles several times a week, racking up to 20 to 30 miles each time on the Monon Trail, which runs north and south through the city of Indianapolis.

McCullough, who enjoys traveling, is married and has two children and one grandson. He attended Vincennes University, where he obtained an Associates Degree in General Studies. He works at Allison Transmissions as a station engineer. With 29 years of experience at Allison, he plans to retire in 2011.

When asked if he had a message for fellow veterans, McCullough boldly said, "be proud to be a veteran, and stay active in being a part of society!"

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