



NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES

Local Competitor Profile

Dave McKinney – From Demolitions and Plastic Explosives to Air Rifle and Nine Ball

Dave McKinney, age 59, of Avon, Indiana is having his first experience with the National Veterans Golden Age Games as the event comes to his home state this year. During his military career, McKinney served his country as a demolitions and plastic explosives specialist assigned to the Army Corps of Engineers in the Republic of Vietnam between 1968 and 1974.

Since leaving the Army, he has held numerous jobs taking advantage of his technological expertise in the electrical industry, among them being a railroad signal maintainer, a telecommunications mechanic and a general electrician.

McKinney first heard about the Golden Age Games when it was announced nationally that it would be hosted in Indianapolis this year. Although he hasn't participated in any contest since leaving the service, upon learning of the Games he quickly decided to sign up for the air rifle and nine ball competitions. Why the haste? McKinney says he values, "the opportunity to extend the feeling of camaraderie" that he enjoys with fellow veterans and knows that the Games will be the best place to do it.

McKinney is currently employed as an electrician at the Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, where he has enjoyed 26 years of employment. His expansive education includes two years of college, as well as completed certifications from numerous specialty trade schools. This busy veteran is also married with two children, and has one grandchild.

Although he has come full course through a wide range of occupations, McKinney says it's time to recapture the camaraderie he held dear during his service to this Nation.

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