



NATIONAL VETERANS GOLDEN AGE GAMES

Local Competitor Profile

Donna Edwards takes on the Games as one of 57 women veterans competing

Donna Edwards, 57, is one of a growing number of women veterans who are now participating in the National Veterans Golden Age Games. There are 57 women veterans to be exact.

Born and raised in Texas, Donna now resides in Indianapolis with her husband Freddie, who is also a veteran and competitor in the Games this year. During her military career, she served in the Air Force as a communications specialist from 1972 to 1974. According to Edwards, her reasons for joining the service were similar to those of many young people that were doing the same at the time: "I wanted to see something besides Texas and also take advantage of the educational benefits," she said.



After leaving the service, she completed two years of college and earned a Dental Assistant Certificate. She has held several clerical positions since then, most recently as a secretary at the Marion County Records office.

She and her husband are competing in the National Veterans Golden Age Games for the first time this year. Freddie, however, is not a newcomer to competition as she has competed in the National Blinded Veterans TEE Tournament in Iowa City the past six years. Donna states that she has always enjoyed the warm feelings shared among the veterans in that environment. When her husband told her that they would be eligible to participate in the Golden Age Games this year, she was more than ready to sign up along with him to get the opportunity to spend time with her fellow military alumnae.

Edwards is competing in the bowling and croquet events and hopes that her presence at the Games will encourage even more former women veterans to compete in the Games.

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