



# July 6, 2006

# Anchorage, Alaska

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*Kids Day provides an opportunity for youth to learn life lessons from U.S. veterans—from talking about the meaning of service, to learning about living with a disability and competing in wheelchair sports.*

*Kids just want to have fun...*



*“It was fun and I really like my medal”*

*—Wyatt, Kids Day participant*



*“It’s fun to teach them new things, and especially see them smile.”*

*—Veteran Athlete Lisa Bard*



*“I enjoy working with the kids; it’s a fun time for everyone.”*

*—Veteran Athlete Tricia Sapp*

# *Kids Day...*

The sixth annual *Kids Day* will take place on Thursday, July 6, 2006.

*Kids Day* offers local Anchorage area children with physical disabilities an opportunity to interact with many athletes competing in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. Under the guidance of experienced athlete mentors, the children will enjoy both educational and interactive activities.

*Kids Day* will take place at the Bartlett High School in Anchorage, Alaska from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We welcome you to come and cheer on the participating children!

*Kids Day* also provides an opportunity to introduce the wonderful world of adaptive sports and recreation to children with physical disabilities. Children will participate in athletic events, and a closing ceremony will take place where veteran athletes will present the children with their own medal for participating in the 2006 *Kids Day* program.

## *Register Today!*

To register for *Kids Day* activities, please contact Sheila Skipper at [sheilas@pva.org](mailto:sheilas@pva.org) or (800) 424-8200, ext. 654. For more information about the Games, visit the web site at [www.wheelchairgames.org](http://www.wheelchairgames.org)

# About the Games...

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world.

Each year, the Games bring together hundreds of U.S. military veterans who compete for medals in 15 Olympic-style events. All athletes competing at the Games use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, amputations, or other mobility impairments.

Participation in the Games has grown from 74 veterans in 1981 to more than 500 competitors in 2005.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are co-presented by the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs.



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