

Valor Games Far West Announced

Valor Games series provides opportunities for Veterans and service members with disabilities to participate in sports and connect to community providers

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Alameda, Calif. - Dates for the Valor Games Far West, part of the national Valor Games series, have been announced. Disabled Veterans and service members will learn adaptive sports techniques and compete at events from May 30 to June 2 at venues on Coast Guard Island in Alameda, Calif. Sports are slated to include: archery, biathlon, cycling, field, powerlifting and swimming.

Registration will open in late March for the event, which provides lodging and meals at no charge to the participants. Qualifying athletes include Veterans or active duty service members from any era. Those with the following physical disabilities are eligible to compete: amputation/limb loss; post-traumatic stress; spinal cord injuries; stroke; traumatic brain injuries; visual disabilities and any disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Valor Games Far West is a sport competition for Veterans and active duty service members who have a disability and are eligible for VA healthcare. Grant funding for this program is awarded by U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, through funding provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The local organizing committee is Far West Wheelchair Athletic Association, which has provided sport and recreation opportunities to individuals with physical disabilities in the region for more than 40 years. Seven Paralympic Sport Clubs will manage the competitions each day and meet the Veterans in their communities, engaging them for future opportunities to be active throughout the year. The event is designed to be a catalyst for this interaction and ongoing athlete development.

The Valor Games were established in 2011 by World Sport Chicago in partnership with U.S. Paralympics and VA to provide an introductory sports competition for Veterans and service members with a disability and to promote sports at the community level.

To learn more about the sports being offered, the registration process and volunteer opportunities, please visit www.valorgamesfarwest.com.

For more information about the 2014 Valor Games Far West, please contact Pam Redding, Event Director at (847) 323-4049 or valorgames@fwwaa.org.

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