



NATIONAL
VETERANS
GOLDEN AGE GAMES



Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Athletes Celebrate 30th National Veterans Golden Age Games at Parade of Athletes

The Games opened on Sunday, but participants celebrated on Monday evening with the official lighting of the torch, award presentations and procession of state flags during the Parade of Athletes.

The event was held at the Marriott Ren Cen. Famed Motown singer, Martha Reeves of Martha and the Vandellas sang the National Anthem, and various speakers welcomed Veterans and others.

“I think the evening was a great way to not only kick off these games, but to also welcome everyone to the great city of Detroit,” said Adam Stephens, Local Organizing Committee Chair.

“One of the things that really appealed to us as a network, and in particular to me as we contemplated hosting these games, was the emphasis on health and wellness for our Veterans,” said Robert McDivitt, Acting Director of VISN 10, which Detroit is a part of. “It’s a concept and an initiative that we believe in here in VISN 10, and we were impressed that the Games mean more than just competition!”

Various awards, including the newly introduced NVGAG National Leader Hall of Fame and Veteran Hall of Fame, were given.

PHOTOS: Upper left: LOC Coordinator, Adam Stephens with the torch; Lower left: NVGAG Director, Carla Carmichael presenting an award; Lower right: Athletes from Tea Motown carry the torch into the room.



Information

Athlete Meals

Breakfast,
Monday—Thursday,
5:00—8:00 a.m.,
Marriott Ren Cen
Renaissance
Ballroom

Lunch, Dinner
Use your Debit Card
provided at
Registration!

Medical Suites:
Area outside of Cobo
Halls A & B

**Command Center,
Lost and Found:**
Cobo Center, Room
314, Motor City Room
313-576-2016

TONIGHT!



**VCS
Bingo
7:00 pm.**

**Marriott Ren
Cen Hotel**

Renaissance



**For full
schedule and
more
information,
see your
official Games
program!**

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Air Rifle

Cobo Rm 310 A & B
7 AM-10 AM, 10:30 AM-
12:30 AM, 2 PM-5 PM

Boccia AMB

Single/Double
Cobo Hall B
7AM-11AM: 70-74
W/C 1 PM-5 PM: All Ages

Horseshoes AMB

Cobo Hall A
7AM-11AM: 65-69

1 PM-5 PM: 55-59

Nineball AMB

Cobo Hall A
7AM-11AM: 55-59

1 PM-5 PM: 75-79

Table Tennis

Cobo Hall B
W/C 7AM-11AM: All Ages
AMB 1 PM-5 PM: 60-64

Shuffleboard AMB

Cobo Hall A
7AM-11AM: 60-64

1 PM-5 PM: 65-69

Badminton AMB

Singles/Doubles
Wayne State Univ.
7AM-11AM: 85+, 80-84, 75-
79, 70-74

1 PM-5 PM: 65-69

Bowling AMB

Thunderbowl
7 AM-Noon: 85+, 80-84,
75-79
1 PM-5 PM: 70-74, 65-69, 60-
64, 55-59

Health & Wellness

Session

Cobo Rm 321
2 PM-4 PM
Javelin AMB
Wayne State Univ.
1 PM-5 PM: All Ages

VCS Bingo

Renaissance Ballroom,
Marriott Ren Cen
7 PM

Tuesday Photo Album



NVGAG Venue: Belle Isle, a Detroit Gem!

If you competed in Cycling or took part in exhibition events, Rowing, Blind Disk Golf or Racquetball, you got to visit Detroit's own, Belle Isle.

Officially called Belle Isle Park, it's a 982-acre island park in the Detroit River, between the United States mainland and Canada. The island has quite a history! Owned by the city but managed as a state park by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Belle Isle is the largest city-owned island park in the United States and is the third largest island in the Detroit River after Grosse Ile and Fighting Island. It is connected to mainland Detroit by the MacArthur Bridge.



The island was settled by French colonists in the 18th century. Belle Isle literally means "beautiful island" in French. It is misspelled according to contemporary French rules, however, and should be Belle île!

Photos

Award ceremony photos can be downloaded at no cost from **Shutterfly**.

<https://nvgag2016detroit.shutterfly.com/>

Official **VA flickr page:**

www.flickr.com/photos/veteransaffairs/albums

