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# News Release

## **National Veterans Golden Age Games Planning Team to Make Presentation in Michigan's Upper Peninsula**

*Group to speak with Veterans and others on premier event coming to Detroit in July*



### ***For Immediate Release***

Veterans in Michigan's Upper Peninsula are invited to learn more about the top sports event for senior Veterans at a presentation on November 18<sup>th</sup> in Marquette! The **National Veterans Golden Age Games** are coming to Detroit and VA leadership is hoping Veterans and others throughout Michigan, will get involved.

Earlier this year, it was announced that the city will host what's known as the premier senior adaptive rehabilitation program in the United States, the Department of Veterans Affairs' **National Veterans Golden Age Games**. The games will take place **July 10 – 14, 2016** at various Detroit venues. Around 800 Veteran athletes are expected to compete.

"This is really a state-wide effort," said Adam Stephens, Local Organizing Committee Coordinator. "That's why we are reaching out to all Veterans throughout Michigan to take part. Whether you'd like to participate as an athlete, a sponsor, a volunteer or a spectator, there's a place for all Veterans."

The National Veterans Golden Age Games is the only national multi-event sports and recreational seniors' competition program designed to improve the quality of life for all older Veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities.

The games are open to Veterans, 55 and older, who are enrolled in VA. Events include such things as air rifle, bowling, cycling, swimming, golf, racquetball and much more.

"We have VA medical centers and outpatient clinics throughout the state, more than 20 facilities, so we want to make sure we are spreading the word and answering all questions about

participation and support,” said Stephens. “We are looking to service organizations and other community groups to help us spread the word!”

Stephens will be speaking to all those interested in the games, on:

**Wednesday, November 18, 2016**

**1:00 p.m.**

**D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans**

**425 Fisher Street**

**Marquette.**

For more information on the NVGAG, participation, volunteering and sponsorships, you can click here <http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/gag/index.asp>, or contact Stephens at 313-576-1005 or [adam.stephens@va.gov](mailto:adam.stephens@va.gov).

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