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News Release

Memorial Day 2016: Great Time to Consider Volunteering for Upcoming National Veterans Golden Age Games in Detroit

City to host premier sporting event for Veterans, 55 and older, July 10 -14, 2016



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(Detroit) With Memorial Day upon us, Detroit VA Healthcare System leadership, are reminding area residents that the **30th National Veterans Golden Age Games will be held in Detroit, July 10 – 14, 2016**, and there are many opportunities to help!

The Games are known as the premier senior adaptive rehabilitation program in the United States, and the only national multi-event sports and recreation competition designed to improve the quality of life for older Veterans, including those with a wide range of abilities and disabilities.

“This is an extraordinary event for our medical center and our city,” said Dr. Pamela Reeves, Director of the Detroit VA. “We are expecting nearly 900 Veterans, their families, and others during the week. Athletes from all over the nation will participate in many different events, ranging from cycling to swimming to golf to bocchia. Volunteer slots are filling up, but there are many more available and we welcome folks to sign up.”

The Games also welcome organizations and companies that may be looking for community outreach opportunities to engage in as a group.

“Once you are part of the Games, you’ll understand the magic!” said Dr. Reeves. “These Veterans are heroes.”

For more information on volunteering, contact the Bill Browning, 313-576-3332 or William.browning@va.gov. You can also log onto the website to sign up: www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov.

Since 1939, the Detroit VA Healthcare System has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. In 1996, the medical center moved from Allen Park, Michigan to the current location on John R. in Detroit. One of the newer VA facilities in the country, we consider it our privilege to serve the health care needs of our Veterans. Services are available to more than 330,000 Veterans living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. This population represents approximately forty-four percent of the Veteran population in the lower peninsula of Michigan. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.va.gov>.

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