



37TH NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES



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Dear Members,

It's hard to believe, but another successful National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) is concluded. Whether you were competing in the events in the Queen City of Cincinnati, OH, or following us from home or hospital, I do hope the spirit of the 37th Veterans Wheelchair Games is still with you today.

It was such a privilege to meet and compete with some of you there, and you made my first official event as Paralyzed Veterans' national president a joyful one full of amazing memories. So thank you for your competitive spirits and your energy throughout the week.

And what a week it was! Congratulations to everyone who competed and those who won medals. You've made your chapters proud, and you've set wonderful examples for all of our new athletes, who will then pave the way for next year's novice athletes. And thank you to those who tuned in from all around the country—whether it be through live stream or on social media—to see our athletes go for the gold.

Once again, I want to remind you all to work toward retaining the bonds of military men and women, while continuing to reach out to those newly injured veterans and novice athletes to show and tell the rehabilitative mental and physical benefits of adaptive sports. It's the tradition of the NVWG, one that has been passed on to us for 37 years, through generations of fellow veterans. It is what keeps us coming to these events each year, and living a LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS.

And words cannot express how appreciative we are for every volunteer, coach, recreational therapist, sponsor and the citizens of Cincinnati. Thank you all so much for your tireless effort and dedication. We simply could not have had a successful event without you.

So thank you for a wonderful week, and I look forward to joining you next year in Orlando.

Sincerely,

David Zurfluh
National President, Paralyzed Veterans of America

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Below Emmitt Richardson & Tammy Jones

Above JeMarques Handy and Houston area members



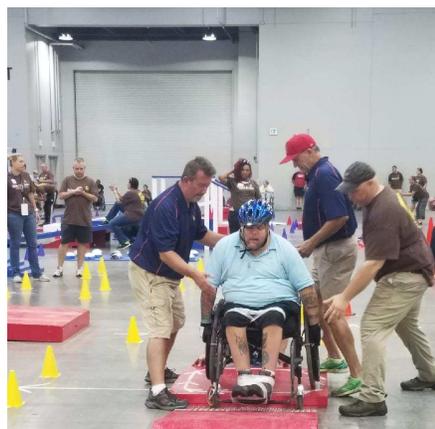
Kevin Kuddes



Below Houston area member Bill Klotz (novice)



Jon-Michael Adcox



Mark Watson



LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

This year's recipient is described as passionate, kind and humble. Whether excelling in sports or powering through the adversities of everyday life, this athlete is the ultimate optimist and inspiration. She began competing in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in 1997 after an MS diagnosis, and this Army Veteran has never lost her enthusiasm or her drive. Even during this year's games, after earning gold in bowling and gold again in discus, she competed in boccia yesterday. Unfortunately, she did not place. But as soon as she got off the court, she turned to her coach, and said she was going to immediately go out, get a new set and get better. It is that drive and persistence that led her coach Colleen to nominate her. Colleen said, "She is always at every one of her teammate's events, and even though she wins, she never focuses on that. Instead, she talks about their medals and their successes. She is not afraid to meet new people and loves to tell them about the Games. She is always excited and she inspires me every day with her passion and contagious big smile. She is a fierce competitor and a shining example of living 'LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS.'"

Ardrena Bailey
U.S. Army Veteran

Houston:

Bill Klotz – gold in bowling, silver in motorized rally and bronze in Boccia

Emmitt Richardson – bronze in bowling and gold in Boccia

Steve Holbert – gold in trap and bronze in air rifles

Kevin Kuddes – silver in bowling, silver in slalom and bronze in motorized rally

Mark Watson – gold in 9 ball

Jon-Michael Adcox – slalom, weightlifting and 9 ball participant

San Antonio:

Warren Tinseth - bronze in bowling, and trap shoot

Tammy Jones - gold in field club, gold in boccia, gold in bowling

Josue Lopez - gold in pistol, gold javelin, silver in discus, bronze in shot put

Gabe Diazdeleon - 8 gold : Rugby, T Tennis, bowling, free style, breaststroke, shot put, Javelin, discus

Marco Delarosa - gold archery, silver pistol

John Henderson - silver slalom

Jose Ibarra - silver shot put

Brent Norris - gold rifle, silver basketball, silver bowling

Nook Gustamante - bronze bowling

Jim Castaneda - gold rifle, bronze shot put

David Cromwell - gold rifle, gold boccia, silver 9-ball

Jason Tabansky - gold t tannis, bronze boccia

Dwight Hayes - gold 9-ball, bronze archery

Fred Garraway - gold boccia, 4 gold swimming

Candor Tovar

Ed Machado

Fred Garraway:

Gold Bowling 1C, Handleball

Gold Swimming, Back stroke 50 meters

Gold Swimming, Free style 50 meters

Gold Swimming, Individual Medley 75 meters

Boccia, 1C



TEAM TEXAS

Kedgerick Smith & Tammy Jones

Fred, Patrick & Kevin

Emily, Diane & Warren Susan Soto & Bruce K



VP Charles Brown

Steve Holbert



Tammy



Marco DeLa Rosa



Josue Lopez



Brent Norris left



Jose and Sondra Laguna right





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Rec Therapists, Elizabeth Duncan, ????? and Irma Pennington

Elizabeth Duncan, Tinyata Robinson and ?????



????, Irma Pennington and ?????????



Irma, ?????, Tinyata, ???????



Elizabeth getting ready to compete



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