

PVA POST



NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES ROUNDUP



Last month, 312 total athletes participated in person in this year's National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tempe, AZ, while 31 athletes participated in the atHome version of the Games. PVA and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) cohosted a number of adaptive sports events, including air rifle, archery, and wheelchair rugby (to see all the sporting events offered, check out the [Event Guide!](#))

Other athletes opted to participate in the Games virtually through cycling, swimming, trap shooting, adaptive fitness and adaptive e-sports events. The Spirit of the Games Award was given to Davis Celestine to acknowledge his initiative and sportsmanship. See highlights from the Games on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#), or learn more on our [website](#).

PVA TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

FABIO VILLARROEL

PVA DIRECTOR OF SPORTS AND RECREATION



You've heard about the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, which PVA runs alongside the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-but do you know about all of the other programming that the Sports and Recreation team runs? This month, we sat down with Fabio Villarroel, Director of Sports and Recreation, to learn about the year-round virtual and in-person programming his team runs, as well as the transformative power of adaptive sports in the lives of paralyzed and disabled Veterans. Read more about Fabio's role managing a robust Sports and Recreation team in our latest [interview](#).

[READ HIS INTERVIEW](#)

FEATURED HERO STORY



MEET DAVIS

U.S. NAVY VETERAN
SPRIT OF THE GAMES WINNER

Join us in congratulating Davis Celestine, winner of this year's National Veterans Wheelchair Games "Spirit of the Games" award! In 2001, Davis sustained a spinal cord injury while training for deployment to Afghanistan. He embraced life after injury, engaging in adaptive sports and leadership roles at PVA's Florida Gulf Coast Chapter and local VA. In addition to being a leader in the paralyzed Veterans' community and an avid athlete, Davis is also a family man who prides himself in his role as a husband to his wife Deborah and father to their twins. See highlights of Davis' gameplay and other NVWG content on our [Flickr](#) page, and watch highlights from the Closing Ceremonies on our [YouTube channel](#).

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