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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, he is also 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 otherNVWG content on our Flickr page, and watch highlights from the Closing Ceremonies on our YouTube channel.

Salmon-A-Rama: Veterans have enjoyable day on Lake Michigan (Kenosha News)

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