

NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR AND GOLDEN AGE GAMES PROGRAMS

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California Golden Age Games/Wheelchair Games Programs are an expensive endeavor and we would invite all to join with us in supporting these most worthy veterans in their health maintenance and care. Veterans under VA care either inpatient or outpatient, are potentially eligible to compete in these events. For the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWCG) all competitors must be wheelchair (power or manual) users. For the National Veterans Golden Age Games (NVGAG), competitors must be 55 or older (ambulatory, non-ambulatory or vision impaired).

The NVGAG's and the NVWCG's events are very expensive for our California teams. All posts, auxiliaries (Ladies and Men's) and pup tents as well as individuals are urged to donate to this premier rehabilitation and therapeutic program. Competition applications for either of the games are obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs Recreation Therapy Offices in the VA Medical Centers or on line at www.va.gov and insert the name: National Veterans Golden Age Games or National Veterans Wheelchair Games in the search block. These applications are usually available about five months prior to the events.

The VFW Department of California Transportation Grant Applications are available from any Wheelchair Games Committee person or the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center Recreation Therapy Offices. The Veterans Golden Age/Wheelchair Games Fund is a viable VFW program. Each District and Post must have their own chairman to coordinate reports, pin sales, and fund raising activities for the program.

HOW TO REPORT

All activities should be reported on-line via the Department website under **Veteran Service** at <http://www.vfwca.org/membertools/programform12rpt.html> **and** by submitting a report (Form-12) to the Department Chairman.

Important! – To qualify for awards a Post **must send a copy** of the Program Reporting (Form 12) to the Department Chairman with all applicable attachments.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the State Convention as follows:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall (Post & District) will be awarded a plaque, based on Chairman Recommendation.

Program participation will be awarded as follows:

Donations of \$200 - \$449 will receive a certificate of appreciation.

\$450 to \$649 will receive a 5 x 7 plaque.

\$650 - \$849 will receive an 8 x 10 plaque.

Greater than \$850 will receive a Spirit of the Games Plaque.

All awards will be presented during the awards session at the Department Convention.

Please make checks payable to VFW Department of California and earmarked Golden age Games or Wheelchair Games and forward to Department Headquarters.