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Bowlers to Veterans Link Sponsors Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic

Snowmass, Colo. – Thanks in part to the support of Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), more than 400 disabled veterans are expected to ski the Rocky Mountains at the 22st National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass Village, Colo., near Aspen, from March 30-April 4. Recently wounded veterans from the War on Terror will participate in the event, which is the largest annual rehabilitation event of its kind in the world.

The clinic is open to all U.S. military veterans with spinal cord injuries or disease, visual impairments, certain neurological conditions, orthopedic amputations or other disabilities, who receive care at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care facilities.

During the six-day program, veterans will learn adaptive Alpine and Nordic skiing and be introduced to a variety of other adaptive activities and sports, such as rock climbing, scuba diving, snowmobiling and sled hockey. The U.S. Secret Service will also teach a course on self-defense for people with disabilities.

“At BVL, we are proud of our long and rich history of supporting our service men and women,” commented BVL Board Chair Darlene Baker. “We know that our network of volunteers in thousands of bowling centers across the United States is committed to our cause, and we will continue to stand by those who have served our country.”

For 66 years, the Bowlers to Veterans Link has been at the forefront of care for America’s service men and women. Founded in 1942 by a group of league bowlers, the care BVL provides is through recreational and therapeutic programs and services designed to boost the morale and brighten the days of those who gave to our country.

To reach these goals, BVL conducts a variety of programs: from purchasing arts and crafts kits to the support of music and pet therapy to funding a full range of sports and recreation programs.

Thanks to BVL, veterans have an opportunity to step away from the stress of their days and enjoy an improved quality of life. Moreover, BVL programs provide an incentive to become involved in a greater community — to be active and engaged with their fellow veterans, as well as with family and friends.

In addition to the generous sponsorship of BVL, the event is co-sponsored by the VA and Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

“Through the years, the BVL has demonstrated its belief in the positive effects of sports

rehabilitation,” said DAV National Adjutant Arthur H. Wilson. “Their sponsorship of the Winter Sports Clinic is a further testament to this core belief and to the organization’s dedication to bettering the lives of our wounded warriors.”

The VA (www.va.gov) is a government agency that runs 1,300 health care facilities for veterans across the United States. DAV (www.dav.org) is a nonprofit, Congressionally chartered veterans service organization with a membership of more than 1.3 million wartime disabled veterans. The Winter Sports Clinic provides participants with a full range of sports, recreation and educational opportunities.

To learn more about BVL, visit BowlerstoVeteransLink.org.

For more information on the event visit www.wintersportsclinic.com.

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