

Lives Forever Changed!

Miracles on a Mountainside!

What: The National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic promotes rehabilitation by instructing severely disabled veterans in adaptive Alpine and Nordic skiing, and providing an introduction to other adaptive activities and sports.

When: April 3 – 8, 2005

Where: Snowmass Village, Colorado

Who: Participation is open to male and female military service veterans with spinal cord injuries, orthopedic amputations, visual impairments, certain neurological problems and other disabilities. Veterans who currently have inpatient or out-patient status at a Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility receive first priority. Well over 350 veterans throughout the nation are expected to participate, along with more than 180 ski instructors, including several members of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team and hundreds of other volunteers.

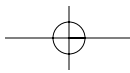
Why: The Winter Sports Clinic provides profoundly disabled veterans opportunities for self-development and challenge. Participants have an opportunity to develop winter sports skills and take part in a variety of adaptive workshops.

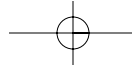
Sponsors: The Disabled American Veterans, Department of Veterans Affairs, corporate and organizational sponsors, and individual donors. The event is hosted by the Grand Junction, Colo., VA Medical Center.

Events: Adaptive skiing in sit-skis, mono-skis and bi-skis; instruction in adaptive Alpine and Nordic skiing for stand-up skiers; alternate activities include scuba diving, rock climbing, wheelchair self-defense, sled hockey, horseback riding, target shooting, snowmobiling, and various additional programs, seminars and activities.

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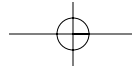
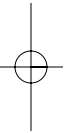
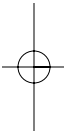


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Snowmass Village, CO
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19th National Disabled Veterans
Winter Sports Clinic

DAV Disabled American Veterans **VA** Department of Veterans Affairs



Corporate, individual, and organizational sponsors have helped make miracles possible for thousands of severely disabled veterans who have attended the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic since 1987.

You can help our nation's veterans make miracles on a mountainside possible at the 19th annual National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in beautiful Snowmass Village, Colorado, April 3-8, 2005. More than 350 veterans, seriously disabled while protecting our freedom, will have an opportunity to pack more miracles into the weeklong, life-changing event than they ever dreamed possible. They will also discover the wonder and achievement life still has to offer, despite their profound disabilities.

Everyday challenges of life seem much more surmountable for these athletes, after conquering a snow-covered mountainside with one leg, no eyesight, or paralysis. Disabled veterans draw inner strength from this experience of a lifetime and use it to overcome life's challenges head-on when they return home at the end of the week. They also inspire countless, able-bodied Americans to catch their spirit as they welcome the challenges and opportunities of each new day.



Disabled veterans develop skills to overcome a variety of challenges at the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic — skills to meet life's challenges head-on when they return home.



The sense of accomplishment and celebration of ability embodied by disabled veterans at the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic is epitomized by the recipient of the DAV Freedom Award each year. The award was instituted 11 years ago and is presented each year to the veteran who makes the most progress at the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic.

The 2004 DAV Freedom Award was presented to Erick Castro, a service-connected disabled U.S. Army veteran whose leg was severed by a rocket propelled grenade when his unit was ambushed near Fallujah, Iraq in August 2003.

Erick, is from Santa Ana, California and was among more than 20 U.S. veterans disabled in combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan who were hosted at the clinic in 2004. He is a life member of DAV Chapter 56 in California.

Reflecting the attitude of disabled veterans who attend the clinic for the first time, Erick said, "I'm really glad to have something like the winter sports clinic to test us. The atmosphere is so positive that it's hard not to be motivated and excited about participating."

"Everyone who participates in the winter sports clinic is without question a winner in his or her own right," said DAV National Director of Voluntary Service Edward E. Hartman. "The veteran who receives the Freedom Award demonstrates outstanding courage and determination in the quest for ever-greater levels of achievement that is inspiring even to these winners. Erick Castro is such a person and much more."

DAV National Commander Alan W. Bowers returned to the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in 2004 after attending the clinic as a participant several years before. What he witnessed inspired him. "I'm thrilled to find the spirit of the clinic has remained intact even as it grows to accommodate hundreds of veterans each year," he said. "Attending the winter sports clinic in any capacity – participant, volunteer or staff member – is life altering. I encourage everyone to attend and come back again and again."

The motivation and determination Erick and other participants display at the clinic is inspirational to all who witness their achievements – their "Miracles on a Mountainside." Each accepts the challenge to conquer the mountain. As they do so, they climb above the limitations that once bound them and plant their standard on new peaks of achievement for all to witness.

Erick Castro

2004 Freedom Award Recipient



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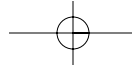
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Name featured in DAV Magazine (circulation: 1.1 million)	★	★	★	★	★	
Ski lift tickets Tickets to April 2 awards reception and April 8 closing ceremony	★ (Negotiable)	★ (8 tickets)	★ (6 tickets)	★ (4 tickets)	★ (2 tickets)	
Opportunity to display company banner	★	★				
Logo printed on official clinic ski bib	★	★				
Name featured in event publicity	★	★				
News releases to media in your area	★	★	★			
Opportunity to offer product sampling	★	★	★			
Logo printed on memorabilia items	★ (3 items)	★ (3 items)	★ (3 items)	★ (2 items)		
Logo printed on exclusive banner (individual banners for each gift level)	★	★	★	★	★	
Ad in commemorative booklet	★ (1 page)	★ (1 page)	★ (1 page)	★ (1/2 page)	★ (name only)	
Trophy at awards reception/dinner	★	★	★	★	★	
Certificate of appreciation						★
Other benefits, e.g., naming opportunities, may be negotiated upon company's request	★					

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Sponsor Involvement

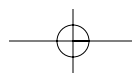
Clinic sponsors provide financial support to make it possible for men and women, disabled in service to our nation, to journey from throughout our nation to experience the unique program of hope and renewal that is the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic. Additionally, many sponsors visit with veterans at the clinic and stay from start to finish, and a growing number of sponsors bring their families along for the experience. Sponsors pitch in as instructors and volunteers, getting to know veterans, cheering them on, and awarding medals to participants at the end of the week. They are also profoundly moved by the optimism, spirit and perseverance of disabled veterans who have sacrificed so much for our nation's freedom.

Volunteer Efforts

Clinic Attendance climbs to more than 1,000 as a devoted cadre of volunteers and specialized ski instructors devote one-on-one instruction, untiring encouragement and friendship, so vital to the therapeutic value of the clinic, to the participants.

Plenty for All to Do

There's also plenty to do when athletes aren't on the slopes, and it's all challenging and fun. Participants have lots of activities to broaden their experience, including sled hockey, scuba diving, rock climbing, snowmobiling, self-defense techniques, horseback riding, target shooting, and more. A variety of educational workshops and seminars are also offered.



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America is a land of prosperity, extraordinary opportunity and unsurpassed freedom, thanks to the service and sacrifices of generations of veterans. Your support of the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic is a powerful statement of your appreciation for countless veterans who have served to provide the liberties Americans enjoy today.

We encourage you to join us at the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in April to discover for yourself why so many wonderful and respected sponsors wouldn't miss this annual event. Team up with hundreds of enthusiastic veterans as they make their own miracles on a mountainside, and you'll return home with an inspiring new outlook on life.



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