



<https://rly.pt/VAWomensHealthcareVideo>)

We invite you to attend the Center for Women Veterans upcoming events:

CWV Women Veterans Fireside Chat Webinar with a Dr. Sally Haskell, MD, MS, Acting Chief Officer, VHA, Office of Women's Health with a Q&A period to follow on Thursday, March 7, 2024, 12:00 PM ET.

Registration:

<https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/weblink/register/r3a50352cacdb4b4d8ba504b66759af11>

VBA/OTED Women Veterans Virtual Outreach Symposium will take place on Thursday, March 7, 2024, 1:00 PM ET to discuss the following topics: Tailored resources for women Veterans, tips on #VA Benefit access, disability claims and avoiding denials, and the impact of the PACT Act.

Registration:

<https://www.va.gov/outreach-and-events/events/65145>

CWV Women Veterans Fireside Chat Webinar – with Jacqueline Hillian-Craig, Executive Director, Strategy and Analysis, Office of the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, NCA on Thursday, March 14, 2024, 12:00 PM ET.

Registration:

<https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/weblink/register/r7e2385b52f602b89a6e3f5ce5c038bca>

With RallyPoint, we've previously partnered to answer Veteran questions in March 2023 with the VetXL: Women Veterans Together event in honor of Women's History Month Some of the questions included:

» “I believe the VA is particularly inaccessible to women with young children. Specifically in my circumstance, I am unable to even enter the VA facility with my 10-month-old as children under the age of 18 are not permitted in the facility (though all hospitals and doctor offices in my area do not operate in this manner). As someone who has a husband who works, and no family nearby, this is a severe limitation for me. I have brought this up to my VA in various forms to no avail, the answer is simply for me to pay for a babysitter. Is anything being done to change this?”

» “I am wondering when the VA will take a serious look into diseases that severely impact women such as endometriosis, PCOS, and fibroids? Many are living with these conditions and the VA is denying them compensation and more importantly proper Healthcare for these illnesses. The people who are doing the ratings and making decisions don't even understand the first thing about them. Ignoring them or downplaying them only serves to put the female veterans in more pain and incurring further damage to their bodies. I'm afraid to even go to the VA. People think because you can't see physical damage that it doesn't exist but what about mental health, back injuries, or stomach issues? You can't see some of those issues, can't pinpoint when they started; however, people are treated for them and compensated.”

» “Are there any benefits available to women who are dealing with infertility?”

We invite you to comment on these and the many more questions and feedback or ask new questions! Ask or comment here: VetXL: Women Veterans Together Q&A - Ask Questions Now on Women’s Health and Benefits Services! | RallyPoint (<https://rly.pt/WomenVeteransVetXL>)

Get the benefits and services you’ve earned:

If you have any questions about how to access your VA benefits, please call us at 1-800-MyVA411 or visit us at VA.gov. You may also be interested in VA’s Center for Women Veterans (<https://rly.pt/CFWVETS>)

Spread the word: Please use these outreach kits to share Veteran resources with your networks.

The outreach kit includes flyers, social media graphics and suggested corresponding language, radio public service announcements (PSA), newsletter content and a sample blog post to help you spread the word.

» What can VA health care do for you? (<https://rly.pt/VAHealthcareOutreachKit>)

» What can VA disability compensation do for you? (<https://rly.pt/VADisabilityCompensation>)

## **Registration for 2024 National Veterans Wheelchair Games is now open**

Veterans and volunteers interested in registering online for the 43rd [National Veterans Wheelchair Games](#) (NVWG) can do so now through April 5, 2024.

This year’s games will be held at various venues across the New Orleans area from July 25-30, 2024, including the [New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center](#). The Wheelchair Games will also feature a Bass Fishing Competition on July 23 to kick off the week’s events.

The wheelchair games are a sports and rehabilitation competition to engage Veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord injuries, amputations, or other neurological conditions.

Hundreds of Veterans from across the country will unite to compete and earn medals in 21 adaptive sports, like wheelchair basketball, swimming, cycling, powerlifting, rugby and soccer. This year is the first time cornhole will be a medal event.

The wheelchair games are co-presented by the VA and [Paralyzed Veterans of America](#) (PVA); this year's games will be co-hosted by the [Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System](#) and Bayou Gulf States PVA Chapter. New Orleans last hosted the games in 1990.

“The National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the world’s largest annual wheelchair sports and rehabilitation event solely for military Veterans. The event demonstrates the unstoppable character of Veterans and seeks to foster wider respect and opportunities for all people with disabilities,” said Fernando O. Rivera, director of the Southeast Louisiana Veteran Health Care system. “It is a privilege and an honor to partner with the Paralyzed Veterans of America and host the Games in the City of New Orleans”

To register as an athlete or volunteer, and for more information about the Wheelchair Games, visit [www.wheelchairgames.org](http://www.wheelchairgames.org). For those interested in receiving email updates, send an email to Christina Bordelon, Local Organizational Chair, 43rd National Veterans Wheelchair Games at [NVWGvolunteers@va.gov](mailto:NVWGvolunteers@va.gov) and we will add you to our email group.

VA employees wishing to volunteer, please register via [www.wheelchairgames.org](http://www.wheelchairgames.org). Funding to support travel and expenses are not available.

Be sure to follow VA Adaptive Sports on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at @Sports4Vets for all the upcoming National Veterans Wheelchair Games action.

**“Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, being men of courage, be strong.”  
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Sincerely,

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## **Need to contact VA?**

[Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255](#) and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255

[Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838](#) or [Chat](#)

[White House VA Hotline: 1-855-948-2311](#)

[1-800-MyVA411 \(800-698-2411\)](#) is never the wrong number