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Local heroes headed to Omaha for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games

On Tuesday, July 15 at 11:00 a.m., VA Western New York Healthcare System will be holding a pep rally for local wheelchair veterans who are headed to Omaha to compete in the 28th National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

The multi-event sports and rehabilitation program for military service veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, amputations, or certain neurological problems will take place from July 25 – 29. Attracting more than 500 athletes each year, the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world.

The pep rally will be held on the outdoor patio of VA Western New York Healthcare System Hospital, 3495 Bailey Avenue in Buffalo. One of the activities that will be included in the pep rally will be a wheelchair slalom course for non-wheelchair users, which will allow them to experience first-hand some of the challenges these veterans meet. Another event that will take place is the exhibition wheelchair basketball game, which is new to the pep rally this year.

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