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**Veterans Participate in Local Sled Hockey Tournament**

Veterans will be participating in the local USA Hockey Sled Classic at Northtown Center in Amherst, November 9-11. Buffalo Sabres Sled Vets take the ice Friday, November 9 at noon on rink #1 and then again at 8:30 p.m. against the Washington Capitals. All Veterans in the tournament will be honored at 8:15 p.m. prior to the 8:30 p.m. game in a ceremony as we celebrate Veterans Day this weekend.

Sled hockey is the exhibition sport for the upcoming National Veterans Golden Age Games coming to Buffalo May 30-June 4, 2013. The Sled Classic round robin tournament is the first of the season local Veterans are participating in. Upcoming sled and stand up hockey clinics will be forthcoming. For more information, contact Pamela Kaznowski, VA Western New York Healthcare System Recreation Therapy Supervisor at 862-6814.

*The 27<sup>th</sup> National Veterans Golden Age Games will be held May 30 through June 4, 2013 in Buffalo and open to all U.S. military Veterans age 55 or older who receive care at a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facility. Veterans compete in ambulatory, visually-impaired and wheelchair divisions, according to their ages. Events include swimming, cycling, golf, horseshoes, bowling, shot put, discus, croquet, dominoes, air rifle, nine-ball, table tennis and sled hockey as the exhibition sport. For more information about sponsorship and volunteering for the Games, call Mark Francis at (716) 862-8667.*

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