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Veterans to display benefits of fitness, active lifestyle at 27th Golden Age Games

More than 700 Veterans from across the country are expected to participate in the nation's largest sporting event for senior military Veterans.

The 27th National Veterans Golden Age Games, a national sports and recreational competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) is set for Buffalo, NY, May 30 – June 4.

Hosted by VA Western New York Healthcare System, Veterans will compete in 15 events, including swimming, cycling, horseshoes, bowling, croquet and air rifles.

The Games are a culmination of VA's commitment to the preventive and therapeutic value of sports, fitness and recreation for America's largest population of Veterans, those ages 55 and older.

Since 2004, the National Veterans Golden Age Games have been a qualifier for the National Senior Games, a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Through this partnership, gold, silver and bronze medalists in certain events have the opportunity to compete further among America's elite senior athletes.

Competitive events run from May 31 – June 4.

The Games are open to all U.S. military Veterans age 55 or older who are currently receiving care at a VA medical facility.

Learn more about the event online at www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov

What: 27th National Veterans Golden Age Games
When: May 30 – June 4. Opening Ceremony – May 30, Sports and activities begin May 31.
Where: Buffalo Niagara Convention Center
153 Franklin St
Buffalo, NY

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