



National Disabled Veterans WINTER SPORTS CLINIC

Miracles on a Mountainside

What: The National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic is the world leader in promoting rehabilitation by instructing Veterans with disabilities in adaptive Alpine and Nordic skiing, and introducing them to a number of other adaptive physical activities and sports. The Winter Sports Clinic is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Disabled American Veterans (DAV), with financial assistance from corporate sponsors and individual donors. The Grand Junction, Colorado VA Medical Center and VA's Rocky Mountain Network host the event each year.

When/Where: Sunday, March 31 – Friday, April 5, 2019 in beautiful Snowmass Village, Colorado

Who: Participation is open to U.S. military Veterans with qualifying disabilities such as traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, orthopedic amputations, visual impairments, certain neurological conditions and other disabilities. Veterans with an inpatient or outpatient status with the VA and active duty military servicemen and women are eligible. Nearly 450 Veterans participated at the event in 2018.

Why: The Winter Sports Clinic gives Veterans with disabilities the opportunity and access to test their new-found abilities and develop new lifestyle skills. Participating in the Clinic's extreme outdoor adventures, Veterans will learn to overcome perceived limitations and experience life to the fullest. At the Clinic, Veterans develop winter sports skills and take part in a variety of workshops and educational sessions that will positively impact their rehabilitative journey and readjustment in their communities.

Events: The five-day Clinic consists of downhill and cross-country ski lessons, a challenge race, adaptive sports workshops and educational classes, plus sponsored and self-directed alternate activities such as scuba diving, sled hockey, a climbing wall and other activities.

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