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Veterans, volunteers, staff, sponsors, and honored guests,

Welcome to the 31st annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC).

To the Veterans attending, we are honored to be with you this week. It is a privilege to serve you at the NDVGC and provide you some freedom on the golf course. I also encourage you to reach out to your fellow Veterans while you are here. The camaraderie found here is palpable and often leads to new support systems and friendships that last far beyond the last day of the clinic.



To the volunteers, VA staff, and sponsors supporting – thank you for everything. Without you, we wouldn't be able to support the Veterans here that came from across the country. Your support and dedication are extraordinary and what makes this clinic possible.

Special thanks and recognition to our partner, DAV. Their fierce advocacy for our Veterans and for the NDVGC is ever apparent and what makes this program what it is.

I wish you a fulfilling week. My last request is that you be safe while pushing your limits this week and let us know how we can help and what we can do to make this year's event a memorable one.

Nick Beelner
Director, NDVGC

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On behalf of DAV National Commander Daniel Contreras and our nearly 1 million members, welcome to the 31st annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic! We've been working hard all year with our co-presenters at the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure this continues to be adaptive golf's premier event.

Whether you're an experienced participant or it's your first time in Iowa, my hope is that you embrace the spirit of this the clinic. We want to bring ill and injured Veterans together in community to heal and learn and to have fun doing it.

We've all faced difficult circumstances in our lives and been forced to learn a new normal. I can certainly relate. After becoming a quadruple amputee, I felt everything in my life, especially my independence, had been stripped away from me. But adaptive sports like the ones at this clinic showed me that doesn't have to be the case. There's a lot I've been able to do and experience by finding the right mindset and listening to a little bit of instruction.

The same can be for you. By listening to what the coaches tell you and being open to change, the skills you gain here will translate to your day-to-day life. You'll also be able to grow your support network with people you can turn to when you come across inevitable challenges.

I want to thank the more than 300 volunteers who've taken the time to come here and make this clinic possible. Whether its transportation, medical, meals, or being out on the course, they each play an instrumental role and really are the reason this is such a special event. Please make sure to thank them.

We are also grateful for the generous support from this year's sponsors. These companies, organization and individuals have allowed us to make sure your experience is as enriching as possible. They know the therapeutic and emotional benefits adaptive sports are for Veterans, and they're excited to see what you all accomplish this week.

Remember, this clinic is meant to put you out of your comfort zone a bit. That's a good thing! Try something new. Meet someone new. Be open to new opportunities. I can assure you that effort can have a profound effect on your life.

Please, have a wonderful and safe week. I look forward to seeing you out on the course. Thank you for being here.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Riley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Riley
DAV Past National Commander
Chairman, National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic



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Welcome,

On behalf of VISN 23, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Midwest Healthcare Network, I would like to welcome you to the 31st annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC). This event showcases the great things that can be done when different organizations join forces and share resources to create opportunities for you the Veteran.



The Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Riverside Golf Resort and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs continue to come together to provide you an opportunity to interact with other Veterans, take part in multiple activities and to excel in all you do.

We are looking forward to another great event this year. I always am excited to interact with Veterans and learn about all the wonderful things that you have accomplished in your lives. Your dedication to a healthy lifestyle is the reason that this event has been a success for the past 30 years and I know that it will continue to be successful.

Take the time to interact with old friends and be as engaging as possible to meet new ones as you enjoy the week.

I want to thank each of you for your service and your sacrifice and wish you a safe and memorable time here at the Golf Clinic.

Robert P. McDivitt, FACHE

Network Director

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Dear Veterans, Family, and Honored Guests,

Welcome to the 31st annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC), hosted by the Iowa City VA Health Care System (ICVAHCS). This event stands as a beacon of inspiration and camaraderie, bringing together Veterans from across the country through the drive of sportsmanship. Our staff's dedication, combined with contributions from partners like DAV and Riverside Golf Resort and the hard work of countless volunteers, have made this clinic an unparalleled gathering that promotes therapeutic progress and community engagement.



Each year, I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to meet new faces and reconnect with returning participants. Your journey and courage inspire us all. As we embark on this week together, know that our team is here to support you in every way possible—from answering questions to providing resources—ensuring your experience is both empowering and successful.

Thank you for your service and for allowing us the honor of serving you in return. Here's to a memorable week ahead where we celebrate not just your achievements on the golf course but also your invaluable contributions to our freedom and safety.

JUDITH L. JOHNSON-MEKOTA, FACHE
Director, Iowa City VA Health Care System



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

It is an honor to welcome all of you to the 31st National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic (NDVGC) in Riverside, Iowa.

You have made your way here from all across the country to enjoy some golfing. But your participation also shows others that the game of golf, while challenging, can have a positive impact on continued wellness. Like other Veterans who benefit from the enormous power of adaptive sports, we know you will enjoy this opportunity to learn something new, sharpen your technique, and share your experiences.

I have witnessed the pleasure and fulfillment this Golf Clinic provides. I have seen the benefits it brings to those who participate. And I encourage you to take what you will learn back home and make it a part of a healthy and active lifestyle.

We owe special thanks to our partners from Disabled American Veterans for their longstanding support and commitment to the NDVGC. And I also want to recognize and thank our corporate and community sponsors, volunteers, and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) staff from the Iowa City VA Health Care System and VA Midwest Healthcare Network for your unwavering support. This clinic would not be possible without you.

Likewise, we owe a special recognition to all the Veterans' family members who are present, especially those who are caregivers. No one knows better the tremendous service and sacrifices Veterans have made for our country.

As you aim for the fairways, greens, and pins this week, remember that it is our privilege to help you navigate the game of golf and witness your success as part of your rehabilitation goals.

Thank you all for participating in this clinic and for your service to our country. I am inspired by you—by your examples of courage and perseverance.

Best wishes to each of you for a week filled with new victories. Welcome to the 2024 NDVGC.

Sincerely,

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Denis McDonough



Dear Veterans, Caregivers, Volunteers, and Friends:

On behalf of our entire family and Elite Casino Resorts, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, home of the Blue Top Ridge Golf Course.

Our team here marks our calendars each year in anticipation of greeting new faces and familiar ones, volunteering during the events, and above all, making you all feel at home while you are with us.

In 2009, we fostered a partnership with DAV, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Iowa City VA Health Care System, with the focus of making the National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic a success.

It is an honor, privilege, and an inspiration for our nearly 700 employees to host and support all of the heroes who participate in this event. If there is anything we can do to make your visit extra special, please do not hesitate to reach out to a team member.

Enjoy your time at Riverside Casino & Golf Resort!

Thank you for your service and sacrifices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bobby Kehl', is written in a cursive style.

Bobby Kehl
Executive Director
Elite Casino Resorts



Hello, everyone!

Welcome to the Iowa City area for the 31st Annual National Disabled Veterans Golf Clinic. Riverside and our other area communities are excited to be hosting you again. Our Local Organizing Committee and our volunteers have worked hard to prepare for your arrival. We trust that you'll enjoy the many activities that await you throughout this special week. I can't say enough about how much we value the commitment and sacrifices each of you have made. You inspire us with your determination and spirit in facing the obstacles in your path. The health and well-being of our Veteran participants is important to us all, and this event is an incredible way to show our appreciation for your service. I'd also like to express my thanks to our Co-Host partners in this event, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The activities of the week are an outstanding way for these organizations to fulfill their mission of empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We are proud to play a role in making this happen. Again, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the area. I wish you a safe and enjoyable week and hope to see you all again in the future.

Have a great time!

Sincerely,

Allen Schneider
Mayor, Riverside, IA

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