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MEDIA ALERT

Valor Games Southeast is Back In-Person in 2021

*MetLife and Cisco join forces with Bridge II Sports
to host adapted sports competitions for Veterans with disabilities*

DURHAM, N.C. — May 21, 2021 —

Bridge II Sports is honored to bring the spirit and camaraderie of [Valor Games Southeast](#) (VGSE) back to the Triangle in 2021 with the continued support of co-presenting sponsors MetLife and Cisco.

After engaging hundreds of Veterans with physical disabilities this past year through WebEx events during [Virtual Valor Games Southeast](#) and the ongoing [Veteran Fitness Challenge](#), Bridge II Sports is excited to provide the opportunity for Veteran athletes to come together again in-person to compete at the 9th annual VGSE.

Due to continued vigilance of Covid-19, this year's games have shifted to 4 one-day events throughout the summer instead of the usual one three-day event. Thirty different Veteran athletes with physical disabilities from around the country will attend each event.

Wednesday May 26 — Kayaking, Archery, Cycling at Lake Crabtree County Park

Sunday June 20 — Boccia, Air Rifle, Archery at Bridge II Sports Campus

Saturday August 21 — Wheelchair Basketball (TBD)

Monday August 23 — Golf at Hillandale Golf Course

"I have been proud of our team at Bridge II Sports for finding creative ways to engage with our Veteran athletes over this difficult past year, keeping them active, connected and engaged in life," says Ashley Thomas, Founder and CEO of Bridge II Sports and Developer of Valor Games SE.

"I have also been equally proud of our Covid-19 policies and procedures that have allowed us to safely provide opportunities for people with physical disabilities to get back to what they love. This has been a real lifeline for people who live life with a deep level of isolation. We are honored that Valor Games Southeast has become a symbol of empowerment, honor and hope for our military with disabilities."

This life changing event is made possible through a grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and support from several community and corporate partners. For the fifth year running, MetLife and Cisco have teamed up to serve as the co-presenting sponsors of VGSE. Beyond providing generous financial support both organizations have engaged a strong core team of employees, predominantly Veterans, who have risen in volunteer leadership roles to assist with planning and support of this large-scale event.

For more information on Valor Games Southeast 2021, visit www.bridge2sports.org/valorgamesse

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Media interested in covering the event(s) are REQUIRED to:

--RSVP with a *proposed time and duration of visit* to Brad Rosell, Marketing Manager – Bridge II Sports
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NO WALK UPS ALLOWED. BIIS will send confirmation to you.

--Limit attendance to a maximum of 2 individuals

--Follow all COVID-19 precautions while on-site including temperature check, mask worn at all times, and maintaining social distance.

-- Review and sign [Bridge II Sports Media Policy](#) and check in for credentials on-site.

About Bridge II Sport

Bridge II Sports is a North Carolina non-profit organization dedicated to developing and implementing opportunities for youth, adults and Veterans with physical disabilities to realize their potential through sports participation. Through sports programming, special events, awareness initiatives and team development, Bridge II Sports aims to empower persons with physical disabilities to “Find the Player Within” and challenge perceptions of disability. Ninety-five percent of our youth go on to college or tech school. It is the power of adapted sports that builds healthy bodies, minds, impacting the community with strength. Home of Valor Games Southeast, serving Veterans with disabilities, EveryBODYPlaysNC - adapted sports program in public school, and August Madness - bridging companies, pro athletes, and our athletes, breaking down the barriers of disability, one game at a time. For more information on Bridge II Sports visit www.bridge2sports.org

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