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**MEDIA ALERT**

**Valor Games Southeast Wheelchair Basketball and Golf Tournaments  
for Veterans with Disabilities: August 21 and 23**

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

**Visuals and media opportunities:**

Veterans with disabilities participating in adapted sports  
Interview opportunities with Veteran Athletes,  
Bridge II Sports CEO Ashley Thomas, and Dave Kiley

**DURHAM, N.C. —August 11, 2021 —**

Bridge II Sports' 'Summer of Valor Games Southeast' continues with the final two events: a wheelchair basketball tournament on August 21 and golf tournament August 23.

Due to continued vigilance of Covid-19, this year's games were shifted to 4 one-day events throughout the summer instead of the usual one three-day event to allow involvement with smaller groups. Veteran athletes with physical disabilities from around the country attended the first two events at Lake Crabtree County Park in May and at Bridge II Sports in June.

These life changing events are 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 these events.

**Wheelchair Basketball 3x3 Tournament**

Saturday August 21, 9am to 3:15pm

Rocky Mount Event Center

285 NE Main St, Rocky Mount, NC 27801

Eight teams will battle it out on the court in a day long [DK3](#) 3-on-3 wheelchair basketball tournament culminating in the gold medal game at 2:50pm. This year's tournament is coordinated by the one-and-only [Dave Kiley](#) – a 9-time Paralympic gold medal winner and the MVP of the first 50 YEAR history of wheelchair basketball – a true icon of basketball. The tournament is sponsored by [RTI International](#) with venue space donated by the [Rocky Mount Event Center](#).

## **Golf Tournament**

Monday August 23, 8am to 11am

Hillandale Golf Course

1600 Hillandale Road, Durham, NC 27705

Bridge II Sports is teaming up with the pros at [Hillandale Golf Course](#) to host the first ever Valor Games Southeast Golf Tournament. Teams of Veterans with disabilities will hit the front 9 in the morning for a Captain's Choice (Scramble). There will be some added fun along the way with 'closest to the hole' and 'longest drive' contests.

Due to Covid restrictions, spectators are not invited to either event.

## **IMPORTANT: MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS**

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions and the safety of ALL

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

--**RSVP** with a *proposed time and duration of visit* to

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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.

For more information on Valor Games Southeast 2021, visit

[www.bridge2sports.org/valorgamesse](http://www.bridge2sports.org/valorgamesse)

## **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](http://www.bridge2sports.org)

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