

## **“Championship Gold”**

- WHAT:** A national multi-event sports and recreational competition for veterans, age 55 or older, who are currently receiving care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- WHEN:** June 9 - 15, 2001
- WHERE:** Duncanville High School, Duncanville, Texas
- WHO:** Military veterans, 55 years or older, who are currently receiving inpatient or outpatient care at VA Medical Centers are eligible to participate in the National Veterans Golden Age Games.
- SPONSOR:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VA North Texas Health Care System (VANTHCS).  
Veterans of Foreign Wars
- WHY:** Sports and recreation are integral components in VA rehabilitative medicine. At VA hospitals, recreation therapy plays a major role in the lives of older patients. The sponsors of this event are committed to improving the quality of life for older veterans and to fostering better health through sports competition. The National Veterans Golden Age Games program serves as a showcase for the preventative and therapeutic medical value that sports and recreation provides in the lives of all older Americans.
- EVENTS:** Swimming, bicycling, pentathlon (shot put, discus, softball hit, basketball free throw, air gun), table tennis, dominoes, shuffleboard, horseshoes, nine-ball, bowling, checkers, golf and croquet.
- HOST:** VA North Texas Health Care System  
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