



16th National Veterans Golden Age Games



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THE 2002 GAMES RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE INFORMATION DESK ON THE PLAZA LEVEL



Clifford Junkins, 2001 George Gangi Inspiration Award winner, carries the Golden Age Games torch on Sunday night with Rafer Johnson, Olympic Gold Medalist.

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Golden Support From The California VFW

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Wherever Golden Age Gamers go, the California VFW is with them. When veterans are in need of help, the California VFW remains steadfast. A sponsor of the Games for many years, the VFW continues its generous support to the benefit of all involved in the 16th National Veterans Golden Age Games. This year the California VFW—one of the largest veterans groups in the country—donated more than \$30,000 as part of their mission to support America’s veterans. The VFW Department of California was chartered in 1921 and is running strong today with more than 107,000 members statewide.

The VFW came to the rescue of a participant after she shared her story of the loss of her luggage. Any of us would think, the simple

offer to help was great, but VFW is known for making sure veterans in need of help walk away not only smiling, but sharing their positive experiences. The young woman was escorted to a local department store where she was given cart blanche to replace her

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Veterans Oral History Project

We want your story! VA and VFW are partnering with the Library of Congress to preserve, in your own words, your stories and experiences through the Veterans Oral History Project. Bill Brough, from VA, is conducting video interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday outside the Media Center on the Plaza Level between 9 am and 3 pm. Each interview will only take a few minutes and will be preserved in the Library of Congress. Please stop by.

Location

Command Center

Constellation I
Plaza Level

Lost & Found

Constellation I
Plaza Level

Media Center

Constellation II
Plaza Level

HP Internet Cafe

Encino Room
California Level

Coaches' Room

Bel Air Room

Information Booth

Lobby Area

The *Daily Wave* is also available on the Golden Age Games Web site at www.va.gov/vetevent/gag/2002.



Happy Birthday!

Not only are we celebrating the Golden Age Games in Los Angeles, but some of you are celebrating birthdays this week as well. Happy Birthday to the following participants:



Gloria Morris
One of our birthday participants.

August 10th

Ruperto Acosta
Adrienne Mohamed

August 11th

Michael Whiting

August 12th

Gloria Morris
Gordon Trotter
Bernard Kenan

August 13th

David Gleason

August 14th

Gabriel Moses

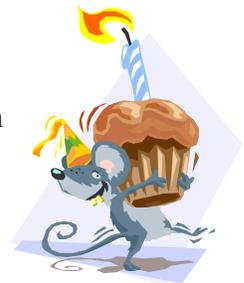
August 15th

Jay Bachrach
Bernard Kenan

August 16th

Melanie Downing
Jacquelyn Drennan

If you are having a birthday this week and we inadvertently left your name off the list, let us know. Congratulations!



California VFW, *continued from pg. 1*

wardrobe for the entire week.

That's the kind of support the California VFW provides.

Don't think this story is an oddity; the support for this year's Golden Age Games has been phenomenal. The backpacks provided to each and every participant were provided by the California VFW.

The VFW supports every California team involved in any of the National Games. The

California VFW has sponsored 4,000 veterans to the Golden Age Games, Wheelchair Games and the Winter Sports Clinic with contributions exceeding \$2 million.

So when you see California VFW representatives, take a moment to say thanks. Their incredible generosity to the 16th National Veterans Golden Age Games has been beyond fabulous. We salute the members of the California VFW!

Medical Assistance Suite 702



Medical Assistance • 24 Hours Daily • Sunday - Saturday

Look for the medical staff in their RED T-Shirts.

Wheelchair Repair is also available

in Suite 702 from 8 am to 6 pm.

In the event of a life threatening emergency, dial the Hotel operator to call 911.



Spot Light

- On The Street -

What are you looking forward to at the Games?



Michael Stern,
Nevada

"I was inspired while competing in Cleveland at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games this summer to enter the Golden Age Games."

Michael is celebrating his 62nd birthday this week.

"I'm looking forward to having a good time and renewing acquaintances from previous Games."
Stanley will be competing in bowling, shuffleboard, and cycling.
(Air Force 1951-1953)



Stanley Estrada,
Michigan



Joe Lenski,
Wisconsin

"The fact that I can compete with others."
Participating for the 4th time in the Games, Joe hopes to be back next year.

(Army 1952-1954)



Joyce Schondell,
Missouri

"I'm looking forward to meeting new people."
Joyce's events include the pentathlon, table tennis, cycling, and horseshoes.
(Marines 1955-1958)

"I'm looking forward to the cool weather!"

From Prescott, Arizona, Bud is competing in his 8th Games. He and his wife are celebrating their wedding anniversary, plus his birthday this week.
(Army 1965-1966)



Bernard "Bud" Kenan,
Arizona



Don Starler,
California

"I am looking forward to having fun, meeting new guys, and renewing old friendships from previous Games."

Don also competes in the Senior Olympics and works out daily.
(Army 1957-1958)

Tuesday's Activities

- 8:00 am - 10:00 am **Horseshoes (65-69)**
Brentwood School
Shuffleboard (65-69)
Brentwood School
Checkers (55-59; 70-74)
Hotel/California Showroom
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm **Camarillo Outlet Mall**
Bus Departs from Hotel
- 9:30 am - 3:00 pm **LA Landmarks Tour**
Bus Departs from Hotel
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm **Horseshoes (60-64; 80 plus)**
Brentwood School
Shuffleboard (60-64; 80 plus)
Brentwood School
Checkers (75-79)
Hotel/California Showroom
- 11:00 am **Tennis Exhibition**
Brentwood School
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Horseshoes (55-59; 70-74)**
Brentwood School
Shuffleboard (55-59; 70-74)
Brentwood School
Checkers (65-69)
Hotel/California Showroom
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Horseshoes (75-79)**
Brentwood School
Shuffleboard (75-79)
Brentwood School
Checkers (60-64; 80 plus)
Hotel/California Showroom
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Award Presentations**
Hotel/Olympic Ballroom
- 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Casino Night/Veterans Canteen**
Hotel/Los Angeles Ballroom



TODAY'S WEATHER

Mostly Sunny
81/64

Transportation Schedule

Horseshoes/McArthur Field

Bus Departs	Return to Hotel
7:00 am	10:30 am
9:00 am	12:30 pm
12:00 pm	3:30 pm
2:00 pm	5:30 pm

Shuffleboard/Brentwood School

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Departures from Century
Plaza Hotel's lobby.

MENU

Breakfast: Served 6 am - 8 am

Seasonal Fruit
Sliced Ham
Oatmeal
Hash Browns
Muffins/Breads/Bagels
Coffee/Tea/Milk

Lunch: Served 11 am - 1:30 pm

Fruit
Apple Crisp
Turkey Sandwich
Soda or Water

Dinner: Served 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Salad & Tortellini Salad
Warm Vegetables
Chicken a la king
Assorted Rolls
Banana & Lemon Pies
Coffee/Tea/Milk

Breakfast will be served at the Los Angeles Ballroom.
Lunch will be served at the Los Angeles Ballroom and offsite.
Dinner will be served at the reflecting pool.