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CHRVA Assists at 2015 Warrior Games and the 2015 World Police and Fire Games

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Two Olympic-like events were held in our Region this year: Warrior Games and World Police and Fire Games, and CHRVA assisted by providing officials and other volunteers for the volleyball events.

Marine Corp Base Quantico in Quantico, Virginia hosted the [Warrior Games](#) and one of the sports played was sitting volleyball. CHRVA had a great team of officials that came out to support the athletes and work the matches. (At right: CHRVA referees who worked during the Warrior Games.)



As the sport of sitting volleyball grows I encourage teams to try it out and experience the challenges with sitting volleyball. In the end Army won the tournament in an exciting final against Air Force.

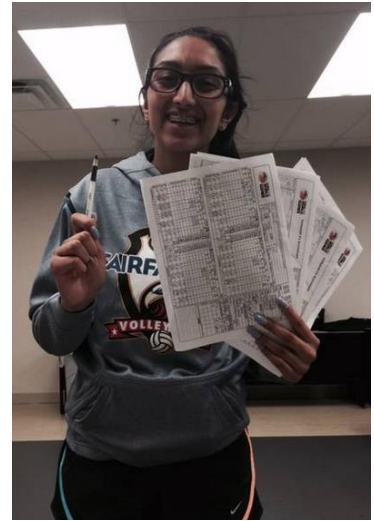
Adaptive sports and athletic reconditioning activities play a fundamental role in the recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration of our service members and veterans. The events of the Warrior Games promote the resiliency and warrior spirit of our wounded, ill, and injured service members, veterans, caregivers, and families.

Check out the [Wounded Warrior Project](#), which operates year-round and is committed to raising awareness and enlisting the public's aid for the needs of injured service members; helping injured service members aid and assist each other; and providing unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members.

Fairfax, Virginia was the host for the [2015 World Police and Fire Games](#). This entire event can only be described as a mini Olympics. For example, about 9500 police and fire members from around the globe competed in these games. By comparison, there were roughly 11,000 athletes that competed in the 2012 Olympics held in London.

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CHRNA members helped to execute the indoor volleyball and beach events. A special thanks to all the players and coaches that answered our call for volunteers. I was honored to be the lead official and assist with helping to make it a successful event for the athletes, volunteers, spectators, and families. My club teams came out to help score, line judge, and ball shag. Special thanks to NVVA, which provided equipment for the indoor and outdoor volleyball events.



Clockwise at right:

1) Graciela Ruiz-Johannes was one of our volunteers, presenting awards during various ceremonies.

2) Kajal Chandrabhatla, a No Panic Volleyball member and student at South Lakes High School in Reston, Virginia, scored from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. four days in a row!

3) The Russian volleyball team is photobombed by Kajal.

