



PLANNING FOR THE 45th NVWG

Setting yourself up for success: The following are tips and information to help your planning for a successful NVWG experience.

1. **Hotel Registration:** The 45th NVWG Hotel Reservation window is open **April 20th - May 20th, 2026**. Do not try to book reservations or ADA rooms outside of the NVWG Registration link. If you have questions, please contact Kaitlyn Walker at KaitlynW@pva.org. The room rates for the NVWG Official Hotels are **\$152** per night. Hotel assignments are made by NVWG staff. Please refer to the www.wheelchairgames.org website for more up-to-date information.
 - > **Hotel Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be made directly with the hotel no later than 72 hours prior to your scheduled arrival day and an email **also** must be sent to PVA Meetings (KaitlynW@pva.org). Check-In for arrivals are limited to 4pm on July 8, 2026 and departures by noon on July 15, 2026. Arrangements outside of those times and dates are the responsibility of the individual and not the NVWG.
2. **Managing your Hotel Stay:** The team has selected terrific hotels that will support your accessibility and meal needs. The best strategy of success is do your homework and plan ahead. If you are unfamiliar with staying in hotels, once you get your reservation, reach out to KaitlynW@pva.org and get more info on your room and accessibility needs. Find out about the room's layout and bathroom. Set up a mock layout at your home and practice. In some hotel locations, we will have "**Personal Care Rooms**" for showering, which will require some pre-scheduling. Don't forget to pre-arrange durable medical equipment (DME) if needed. All Detroit hotels are central to restaurants. The best advice is to do your homework and plan ahead.
3. **NVWG Transportation:** Official NVWG Transportation will be available from Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport for arrivals **July 8, 2026** and departures **July 15, 2026**. Any arrival or departure locations or dates outside of those listed dates cannot be supported by the NVWG. Veteran travel details must be entered into the NVWG Registration no later than June 5, 2026 or we cannot guarantee transportation availability upon arrival.
 - > **Detroit NVWG Hotel Transportation:** NVWG Transportation will be available for airport arrivals/ departures and from the NVWG Hotels (Hollywood Casino Greektown, Hilton Garden Inn Downtown, Doubletree Suites and Motor City Casino Hotel) to the Huntington Place Convention Center. Designated shuttle times will be posted on the NVWG App.
4. **Airline Travel:** Remember to take any removeable or control systems off your wheelchair prior to getting on the plane. Take the equipment with you on the plane as a carry-on. Read up on the Air Carrier Access Act before traveling and know your rights by reviewing [DOT's Airline Passengers with Disabilities Bill of Rights](#). If you experience any damage to your wheelchair or equipment while the airline has it in their possession, take pictures, document it and file an incident report immediately with the airline. DO NOT LEAVE THE AIRPORT UNTIL YOU DO THIS. Below are a couple of great resources to review before you book your flight. Check them out: [PVA Disability Complaint Reminder Card](#) and [PVA Air Travel Tips Check List](#).



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5. **Durable Medical Equipment (DME):** DME provided upon request by the NVWG will be limited to shower benches and commodes. A limited number of Hoyer Lifts will be available, Veterans must bring their own slings. The type of lift will be communicated, but if another or specific type of lift is needed, the Veteran or team will need to arrange that from a local DME company on their own. All NVWG DME requests must be pre-arranged via the NVWG Registration Link. Requesting NVWG DME on-site will not be available. Additional types of DME will need to be personally arranged through a local medical supply company.
6. **Meal Debit Cards:** A pre-loaded Visa Meal Debit Card (MDC) will be provided to support Veteran meals beginning with breakfast on July 10, 2026 through lunch on July 14, 2026. Funds can only be used for food and non-alcoholic beverages. A detailed explanation will be provided to each Veteran in the 2026 NVWG Confirmation Package. Veterans need to budget within that allotment and personally fund their meals outside the dates listed. Additionally, funds will not be available if spent early. MDC's are not provided to coaches or caregivers.
7. **Personal Supplies:** Make sure to bring at least three-day supply of medications and/or personal care supplies with you on the plane in case your luggage is delayed. the NVWG Medical Clinics will not have replacement supplies or medications available. There are local Detroit pharmacies available for you to use, if needed.
8. **Service Animals:** Only service dogs are permitted. Pets are not allowed. Individuals are responsible for the care and health of their service dog. **NOTE** - Owners of service dogs will be asked to remove the dog if they act inappropriately (i.e. excessive barking or showing aggression). Any fines incurred from Detroit's Huntington Place Convention Center or other NVWG venues related to possible service dog's bowel and/or bladder incidents will be the responsibility of the animal's owner.
9. **Personal Security:** Your safety is our first priority! NVWG leadership is in contact with Detroit Officials and no related concerns or threats are present to your safety or the event's success. Personal diligence is always stressed and we will publish recommendations as the event gets closer.

Detroit Weather

- The average temperature in Detroit for July is in the mid-80's and a bit muggy. Most events will be indoors so plan for chilly air conditioning. A sweatshirt in the Huntington Place Convention Center may be good to have. The NVWG Memorabilia Shop will be selling sweatshirts!
- NVWG will provide shade tents at transportation and other outside venues.
- As always, it is important to stay hydrated and bring sunscreen. If you have, or require, a cooling vest, please bring one. Fishing and Cycling are outside, plan accordingly.



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Detroit Excursions

You are about to be amazed at the Detroit experience available to you! The Motor City has become one of America's most vibrant and exciting cities after years of reclamation and renovation. The hub of America's automobile industry is now shared by a food and culture scene that will not disappoint. Steps from the Huntington Place Convention Center is a downtown filled with opportunities to get out, explore, have some incredible food in Greek Town or listen to some Motown where it all began! An accessible monorail links the Convention Center to all points in the downtown. So be sure to plan ahead, and get ready for an adventure. Some links below will assist you with your planning. Remember not to be late for your events!

- Visit Detroit
<https://visitdetroit.com/detroit-experiences/>
- The Crazy Tourist – 25 Best Things to do in Detroit
<https://www.thecrazytourist.com/top-25-things-to-do-in-detroit-michigan/>
- Lonely Planet – The 20 Best Things to do in Detroit
<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/top-things-to-do-in-detroit>
- Wheelchair Accessible Guide to Detroit
<https://visitdetroit.com/inside-the-d/wheelchair-accessible-itinerary-for-detroit-visitors/>
- Detroit, Michigan Wheelchair Travel Guide
<https://wheelchairtraveling.com/detroit-michigan-wheelchair-travel-guide/>
- Wheelchair Accessible Cab – Checker
<https://www.checkerdetroit.com/>
- Detroit Tigers Baseball – Looks like they are in town the first part of the week against Philadelphia
<https://www.mlb.com/tigers/schedule/2026-07?msocid=07e71c28ba7a6330199e0a49bb0a6249>
- Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation – Also, site of the NVWG Rally
<https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/henry-ford-museum/>

