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Visit of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to the veteran members of the Colombia team of the Invictus Games.

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Let's add up, for s veteransCol ombia'

The Sumemos project was born in the Directorate of Veterans and Inclusive , , RehabilitationDIVRIwith aim of highlighting and thanking those initiatives of governments foreign and the public-private sector that are committed to generating scenarios of welfare and inclusion in society for veterans of the Public Forces in Colombia. Likewise, to encourage those who want to join this generous work, in recognition and with theaimof improving the quality of life of women and men who offered their service for the security and defense of the country, andwho today are veterans with and without disabilities.

Now, why join inthe generation of wellbeing and the development of new skills by veterans of the Armed Forces and the National Police? It is a historical debt that the society has Colombian with those who sacrificed even part of their body, and today, through resilience, have acquired new skills and abilities with . a new life projectMoreover, in the veteran's DNA there is discipline, loyalty, which together with training , opportunitieswill continue to bet and contribute to the prosperity of the country.

In this scenario, the DIVRI has a leading role inthe generation and management of new inclusive spaces for veterans of the Armed Forces and the National Police. Currently this Directorate has routes such as education, activityphysical , productive and social , skillswhere users acquire new skills, has promoted the creation of seedbeds such as sports, artistic and entrepreneurship, in which have excelled veterans nationally and internationally.

This is how the artistic seedbed gave birth to Veteranos Show Orquesta, a musical band formed by 17 veterans, some of them with disabilities, and other elderly beneficiaries also with disabilities, which has already had some presentations inside and outside the DIVRI.

In the same , from this sporting hotbed have emerged great promises of Paralympic , sportwho have

shined at national and international level in disciplines such as sitting volleyball, wheelchair fencing, paratriathlon and powerlifting. However, these promising need sponsors to continue to leave the national tricolor on high in national and international , competitions and to continue promoting sports as their new life project.

An example of the achievements that are obtained when these seedlings are sponsored by the allies of veterans, are the Invictus , Games held every two years. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Ministry of Equality and Equity and Air Canada they took Team Colombia, made up of 22 veterans with disabilities from the Public Force, on a 'flight without barriers', where they made history a few days ago Vancouver. This dream has also been joined by the Counterdrug and Law Enforcement Affairs Section, INL, of the U. Embassy, S. which both this year and in 2023 was key in making possible the feats achieved by these athletes.

The challenges for the DIVRI at this 2025 are of To manage actions and get allies to solve the situation of extreme poverty in which more than 4,335 veterans throughout the find themselves. Likewise, to continue generating scenarios and spaces for inclusion and welfare for veterans who acquired a disability due to acts of service.

From the DIVRI we extend an invitation to public and private organizations, entities and national and foreign companies to JOIN in this important work of valuing and supporting the talents and capabilities of our veterans of the Public Force.

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Director (E) of the Directorate of Veterans and Inclusive Rehabilitation, DIVRI, of the Ministry of National .Defense

MINISTRY EQUALITY AND EQUITY 'PUT ON' THE INVICTUS GAMES T-SHIRT

The Ministry of Equality and Equity, headed by the Vice President of the Republic, Francia Márquez-Mina, was instrumental in making the dream of 22 disabled veterans of the Public Force, who are part of Team Colombia, to represent for the the country second time in the Invictus Games, come true

This portfolio obtained round-trip air tickets to Vancouver, Canada, where these athletes made history in snow and summer sports from February 8 to 16. Vice President Márquez has maintained that this Ministry and its programs are committed to processes of transformation and change in the contexts of disability, through different scenarios such as sports.





» Team Colombia, Invictus Games Vancouver-Whistler 2025.

U.S. EMBASSY STANDS FIRM WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED VETERANS

The Counterdrug and Law Enforcement Affairs Section (INL) and the Survivor Assistance Program (SAP) of the U.S. Embassy in Colombia continue to believe in the resilience and potential of disabled veterans.

INL donated the uniforms of the members of Team Colombia Invictus, with which they excelled in the various sports competitions and podiums where they were awarded in Canada. The uniforms consisted of a sweatshirt, presentation T-shirt, men's and women's swimsuits, swimming caps, pants, jacket and gloves for the winter.

In 2023, this Embassy Section also sponsored the 20 athletes who represented the country in Dusseldorf, Germany. This was a historic event, since Colombia was at the time the only Latin American country to compete these international games.

Similarly, INL also donated 12 basketball chairs, 10 rugby chairs, 30 basketballs, 30 rugby balls, two basketball courts for the sports seedlings that are part of the activity route physical of the Directorate of Veterans and Inclusive , .RehabilitationDIVRI



» Veterans in fencing competition wheelchair at DIVRI.

Reinforcement s to make sports history

Similarly, INL reinforced the human team that prepared the disabled veterans for high sports performance

Thus, the Embassy hired a instructor bilingual and a wheelchair fencing coach to join the staff of the Directorate of Veterans and Inclusive Rehabilitation, DIVRI, who are in charge of strengthening the seedlings sports in the area of rehabilitation inclusive

Since August 2024 Police veteran has been , National Dinar Sanchez supporting the International Cooperation area of DIVRI with all logistical and administrative preparations for the preparation of athletes for the next Invictus Games.

The reinforcement also included Professor Melissa Bravo, a recreational sports technician and Paralympic , who currently leads seedbed fencing teacher DIVRI wheelchair fencing

Disability Advisor to the Biden Administration visited DIVRI

DIVRI continues to be a great reference in the field of inclusive for people with disabilities at the international level. An example of this was the visit made by on November the Special Advisor on Rights 8 International of Persons with Disabilities of the U.S. Department of State, Sara Minkara, who met some veterans and the facilities of the Directorate of Veterans and Rehabilitation Inclusive

Minkara reinforced the role of the United States as a strategic partner in promoting greater economic and social of people with disabilities participation in the region.





Boosting the improvement of practices to benefit veterans

The .US. Embassy in Colombia invited three DIVRI officials to participate in the International Visitor Leadership , IVLP: Developing Social Inclusion for People with Disabilities, Program which took place from October , 2024 in the United States, with the objective of 13 to 26 acquiring new knowledge and improving practices on social inclusion for benefit of active members and veterans of the Public Forces with disabilities.

» *Delegation of officials from DIVRI and the Ministry of National Defense in commission in the States.*

The IVLP is the State Department's flagship professional exchange program, through officials from public entities have the opportunity to learn first-hand about U.S. government policies and establish networks in a variety of professional areas. Each year, nearly 5,000 international visitors travel to the United States to participate in the IVLP.

This opportunity also allowed for the exchange of experiences based on the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Model Inclusive currently being developed by DIVRI, and expanded the network of international cooperation contacts to .strengthen the entity's management



INVICTUS GAMES FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO OPEN SPACES FOR VETERANS DISABLED

The Invictus Games Foundation is an charity international created by Prince Henry, Duke of Sussex, which organizes the Invictus Games every two years. Its goal primary is to use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect for veterans and their families.

The Invictus Games not only celebrate the spirit of achievement, but also seek to highlight the skills and strength of these men and women, them in their social and professional reintegration process.

*Welcome to Team Colombia in
Germany, in its first participation in the
Invictus Games 2023.* >>



Duke and Duchess of Sussex visit Colombian veterans, members of Invictus community



The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Henry Charles Albert David Mountbatten-Windsor and Meghan Markle, visited the Directorate of Veterans and Rehabilitation August 16, 2024 along with the Vice President of the Republic, Francia Márquez Mina, in their first visit to Latin America.

Prince Harry and Meghan greeted the 22 disabled veterans of the Public Force months before their participation in the Invictus Canada 2025 Games, and those who competed in first participation Colombia's in these games, in Dusseldorf, Germany. The Duke also joined a sitting volleyball match with the veterans who make up the team.

Colombia was accepted to be part of the Invictus Community in 2022, of which 24 nations are part, and invited to compete in the 2023 Games, where Team Colombia brought home 54 medals

» Visit of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to DIVRI.





The charity rundingisability

Thanks to the Invictus Foundation, 12 veterans of the Armed Forces and the National Police participated in the traditional Race for Heroes, organized annually by the Matamoros Corporation, on October 13 in Villa de Leyva, Boyacá.

Invictus financed the registration for this race, after making a call through the We application Are Invictus. This sponsorship is in addition to other physical carried out worldwide by this activities Foundation to integrate military and veterans who are injured or wounded permanently by the conflict, and from which have been several Colombians selected.

The funds raised by the Race for Heroes are invested in basic, secondary and higher, and rehabilitation through sports, for active members and veterans education programs disabled of the Armed Forces, and also cover the families of uniformed personnel who have died in the line of duty

» *Disabled veterans of the Armed Forces and the National Police during the Race for Heroes, held in Villa de Leyva.*

Invictus fulfills dreams Foundation

Edwin Romero, a veteran of the security forces, who has been playing golf in Bogota, for years never thought he would go to one of the most emblematic golf courses in the world, and with all expenses paid.

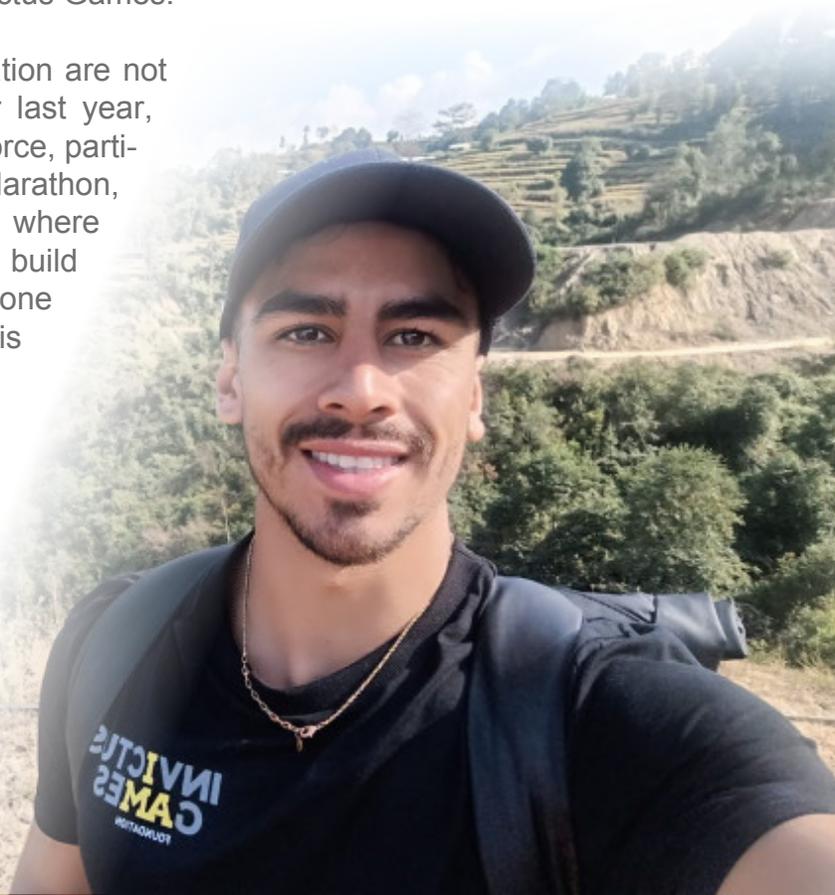
Romero registered on the Invictus platform from his cell phone, saw a call for applications about golf, signed up, and was selected. In mid-September he traveled to Scotland to live the most special experience of his life, along with other uniformed and veterans disabled.

Thanks to their commitment and discipline with the sport, other beneficiaries of Invictus Games' year-round were veterans calls for entries disabled Carlos Aguilar and Daniel Urbina., who participated in early October in one of the most demanding triathlon events, the Ironman 70.3 in Texas, United States

Aguilar and Urbina registered their sporting performance daily on the platform Strava by a certain time, in order to be selected. Daniel is one of the 22 members of the team that will represent the country in the next Invictus Games.

The calls of the Foundation Invictus Foundation are not just about sports. At the end of November last year, David Medina, a veteran of the The Public Force, participated at the end of in the Nepal Impact Marathon, with all of the following expenses covered, where one was of its totasks was the of helping a build crops hydroponics at native communities in one of the regions of this Asian country. David is also part ofthe Colombian delegation Colombian delegation that will participate in the Invictus Games 2025.

*The veteran with David Medina
the expedition he made to Nepal,
sponsored by the Invictus
Foundation.* <<



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OTHER SECTORS SUPPORT VETERANS' WELFARE

The government's commitmentCanadian an

In order to support Paralympic , the sportCanadian government announced that it will cover the costs of internal , transportationaccommodation and food for the 22 members of Team Colombia during the Invictus Games in that country. In addition, it will provide a guide, four support staff and two family members or companions for eachof the athletes in the delegation.



» Canadian Embassy event, attended by DIVRI officials, its director and the vice-minister .of Veterans



» El Dorado Airport, mention to TEAM COL.



» El Dorado Airport, flight to Canada.

Air Canada also joined the sponsorship bus

The airline Air Canada was also one of the sponsors of this dream called Invictus Games 2025. It provided five tickets to and from Vancouver for members of Team Colombia, and a 30% discount on the value for other athletes and family members who make up the delegation.

This collaboration represented a significant support to this team, allowing these veterans and their families to focus on demonstrating their resilience, strength and competitive spirit at the Invictus Games. This act of generosity not only facilitated the logistics of the delegation, but also reinforced the message of unity and appreciation for those who have served their nation with bravery and sacrifice.



» Team Colombia on its way to Canada.

Thanks to support, Team Colombia made history once again veterans



Team Colombia, made up of 22 veterans with disabilities from the Public Force, wrote a new story at the Invictus 2025 Games. In Vancouver and Whistler, Canada, from February they accomplished 8 to 16, a great feat by winning for the first time a Colombian team medals in adapted snow sports in international games. Two veterans did it in the biathlon, which discipline combines skiing with carbine shooting.

In addition, in a single day, these veterans of the Military Forces and the National Police obtained a total of 15 medals in swimming, in the 50 and 100 meters freestyle and backstroke. In total, they won 20 medals: five gold, nine silver and six bronze, placing the country in fifth place in overall medal table of the Invictus Games.



Thank you!

KOREA'S GOVERNMENT WITH THE 'VETERANS'.

The Korean government, through its Agency International Cooperation in Colombia (Koica), financed the construction of the DIVRI building with a contribution of US\$11, under .5 million a co-financing agreement with the Colombian government in 2016, in appreciation for the participation of military personnel Colombian in that Asian , country's war carried out in the early 1950s.

Since then, the Korean Embassy in Colombia and Koica have been developing several activities that benefit both the Colombian veterans who participated in the international conflict and their descendants (grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren), by of meansthe

The Korean .private sector also participated by has financing scholarships and direct aid In July and November , four veterans 2024, , respectively Colombian who participated in the aforementioned war were invited by the Korean government to visit that country second time. On this occasion they brought wheelchairs, canes and flowers for the to salute their fallen comrades.

Thus, veterans Hernán García Ontibón, Neftalí Ramírez Colorado, Alcibiades Bernal and José Reyes Caro Umaña, over ninety years old, visited for a week different scenarios and museums left by the war.





Koreans chose DIVRI for volunteer work



» *Hyunjung Oh and Yong Gi Na, Korean volunteers at DIVRI.*

Veteran's Day awards to war veterans



» *President Gustavo Petro awards to medal .Korean War*

Two volunteers from Korea applied to perform social work benefiting veterans and law enforcement at the Directorate of Veterans and Rehabilitation.beneficiaries Inclusive

They are Yong Gi Na, doctor and master in special education, and Hyunjung Oh, industrial designer, who thanks to the ProgramKoica (Cooperation Agency Korean in Colombia) .International Volunteer Cooperants are immersed in pedagogy at DIVRI

Na teaches Korean language classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays for all kinds of users, and handicrafts for veterans and disabled . Oh leads the beneficiariesDIVRI .arts workshop

Veterans Day is commemorated, according to Act 1979 of 2019 or Veterans , Acton October 10, date on which the Directorate of Veterans and Inclusive , Rehabilitationcoordinates and manages the various spaces where tributes are paid to veterans of the Public Force.

In Bogotá, in the North Canton of the National Army, 13 veterans of the Korean War with the 'Ambassadors of Peace' medal, and with them in the cities of Cali, Cartagena, Melgar, Pasto, Popayán, were commemorated Santa Marta, Tunja and .Valledupar

A week later, KOICA organized an event at the DIVRI , in facilitieshonor of those Colombians who participated in the Korean War, in the framework of Veteran's Day. This event was also supported by the Association of KOICA in Alumni Colombia, , Aexkoicawhere a lunch and gifts were given to these veterans., in addition to activities alluding to the culture of the Asian country

Korean War Museum donated \$3,000 to Colombian veterans

Baek Seung Joo, president of War Memorial, donated \$3,000,000 on November 14 to the Colombian Association of Veterans Korean, Ascove, as well as a wreath in honor of the veterans Colombian who died in the international conflict between 1950 and 1953. Finally, a luncheon offered to was a group of veterans of Korea and their companions.

» Floral tribute for the-
President of the
Korean War Museum.

Koica's Veterans Day Commemoration at DIVRI

With different activities typical of Korean culture, the Embassy of that Asian country in Colombia and its International Cooperation Agency, Koica, together with the Directorate of Veterans and Inclusive, DIVRI, Rehabilitation commemorated Veteran's Day in which Colombians who participated were invited in the Korean War

There, six veterans of this international conflict received several items donated by Koica, through Association of Former Koica Scholarship Holders, Aexkoica made up of Colombians who received training and education in Korea, through scholarships and a tasting of Korean cuisine



» Colombian veterans of the
Korean War received
present at the Veteran's Day
October 2024 at DIVRI.

LIG NEX1 bets on physical rehabilitation

Last December, the Korean LIG company Nex1 donated two spinning bicycles and a rowing machine for the facilities of the Veterans and Inclusive , Rehabilitation Directorate which will benefit veterans and beneficiaries over 18 years of age.

This donation was made possible thanks to a visit by Ickhyun Shin, CEO of the company, on October 11, who saw firsthand the commitment to physical and mental health for all users. This valuable contribution will strengthen the physical activity program, and the new tools will be key to promoting the overall well-being of populations DIVRI's target .



» The CEO of the Korean company LIG Nex1 touring the DIVRI facilities.

French classes

From September through December, French Navy veteran Louis Ortega volunteered to teach basic French to veterans of the Forces Armées Armées Colombiennes and other users of the DIVRI.

The academic space was held once a week. This commendable work not only fosters the learning of a new language, but also strengthens cultural ties and personal development of veterans and beneficiaries.

To him, thank you very much

» *Professor Louis Ortega teaching French to veterans and beneficiaries at DIVRI.*



Allianz believes in sportsadapted

The German insurance company Allianz sponsored the registration of 25 veterans of the Armed Forces and the National , Policeas well as DIVRI users to the Allianz 15K Race, which took place in Bogota at the end of October. The presence of the veterans in the Allianz 15K Race is an inspiring example of overcoming and dedication, highlighting how sport becomes a key tool for their recovery, rehabilitation and personal .strengthening



» Allianz 15K race in Bogotá,
with the participation of veterans
disabled non-disabled and of the
club of the DIVRI.

News



DIVRI gestionó 42 ferias de emprendimiento en las que participaron 403 veteranos y beneficiarios



556 veteranos y beneficiarios asistieron gratuitamente a 20 visitas de museos y parques en 2024

La Dirección de Veteranos y Rehabilitación Inclusiva, DIVRI, también organizó jornadas deportivas.



33 veteranos de la Guerra de Corea se beneficiaron de visitas domiciliarias en 2024

Funcionarios de la DIVRI entregaron bienestar a estos colombianos que participaron en este conflicto internacional.



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