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**Bulletin: Let's Join Forces for Our Veterans  
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Colombia's Veterans.**

Veteran athletes, members of Team Colombia, at the Invictus Games Vancouver-Whistler 2025.

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# Let's Join Forces for our Colombian Veterans

As Colombian society faces significant challenges in unity, leadership, and value creation, our Public Forces veterans undeniably embody the discipline and commitment they developed while safeguarding our nation. Today, they are ready to contribute meaningfully to civil society.

Since its creation in 2021, the Directorate of Veterans and Inclusive Rehabilitation (DIVRI, by its initials in Spanish) of the Ministry of National Defense has been committed to creating not only well-being spaces but also education and training opportunities. The goal: to equip veterans with new competencies and skills that promote their inclusion and leadership in society.

This leadership has borne visible fruits. A truly inspiring example is that of our veterans with disabilities who, through effort and interinstitutional support, have achieved notable victories in adaptive sports. Team Colombia has earned 74 medals in international competitions, including Germany 2023 and Canada 2025, excelling in disciplines such as sitting volleyball, para-swimming, para-athletics, para-cycling, and even winter sports.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of sports partners who believed in the talent and unbreakable spirit of our military and police veterans. Through sponsorships and donations, they not only backed this talent but also expressed deep gratitude for the veterans' service to the nation—helping turn personal dreams into victories for an entire country.

Our next challenge lies ahead in Birmingham 2027, where these athletes—and many others currently in training—will aim to represent Colombia with pride. From DIVRI, we extend a special invitation to the country's business community: invest in inclusion, peace, and the dreams of glory of our veterans with disabilities.

Veteran talent goes beyond sports. DIVRI has also supported champions in wheelchair fencing and launched cultural initiatives like the Veterans Show Orchestra, a group that sings for peace, culture, and

hope. Similarly, the book fair "Strokes of the Pen: Stories that Transform" brings to light the lived experiences of those who have turned their personal histories into sources of inspiration—awaiting sponsorship to see their works published.

Through the Productivity Route, we have supported veteran entrepreneurs with innovative ideas. One standout case is the creator of Colombia's first electronic tejo board—a clear demonstration of the ingenuity and resilience of this population.

While the debt owed by Colombian society to its Public Forces veterans is immense, we can begin by recognizing their resilience and their crucial role in strengthening our social fabric. I invite everyone to stand by our veterans and their families, creating opportunities for them to contribute and build a better nation.

**Major General (Ret.) Gustavo Adolfo Ocampo Nahar**  
*Director, Directorate of Veterans and Inclusive  
Rehabilitation – DIVRI*

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# Strategic Allies Enabled a Historic Participation in the 2025 Invictus Games

Team Colombia, comprised of 22 disabled veterans of the Public Forces, won a total of 20 medals at the 2025 Invictus Games, held in Canada from February 6 to 16.

Over the 10-day competition, Colombian athletes secured five gold, nine silver, and six bronze medals in disciplines such as snow biathlon, swimming, and indoor rowing. These events took place in Vancouver and Whistler, among delegations from 22 nations.

For the first time in history, Colombian veterans won a medal in a winter sport at an international event—an achievement made possible through the support of allies such as the Ministry of Equality and Equity (providing airfare) and the U.S. Embassy (providing uniforms and thermal clothing).



» Members of Team Colombia in the Invictus Games 2025. Photo from Invictus Games.



# The U.S. Embassy Continues to Champion Veterans with Disabilities

The Narcotics Affairs and Law Enforcement Section (INL) and the Survivors Assistance Program (SAP) of the U.S. Embassy remain strategic allies of DIVRI. Beyond their sponsorship of the Invictus Games, they continue to support new opportunities for Colombia's veterans with disabilities in 2025.

» Team Colombia at the opening ceremony of the Invictus Games Vancouver-Whistler 2025.

# Longport: A New Employment Ally

Thanks to INL's support, a new partnership has been formed with Longport—a company specializing in airport security services contracted by U.S. airlines. Longport has expressed its interest in hiring veterans with disabilities, recognizing their expertise in security and anti-narcotics operations.

On March 11, 2025, DIVRI, INL, and Longport held a meeting to review the recruitment process and establish commitments. A job announcement was posted on May 2 via DIVRI's website and social media channels. The selection process is currently underway.



» One of Longport's representatives explaining to the DIVRI the available vacancies for Public Force veterans.



## Strong Ties with the Korean Government

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), founded in 1991, offers governmental aid for socioeconomic development in emerging nations. KOICA established its Colombia office in 2009 and has since supported numerous projects.

In 2016, KOICA financed the construction of DIVRI's building, investing \$11.5 million USD under a co-financing agreement between the Colombian and Korean governments. This facility serves disabled veterans in a setting distinct from traditional health contexts.

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Colombia has also demonstrated sustained support for veteran welfare through ongoing collaboration with DIVRI.

» The Koica Agency has always been a strategic ally of DIVRI, not only for DIVRI's construction but also for its ongoing support for Korean War Veterans and their descendants.



# KOICA President Visits DIVRI

On March 7, 2025, KOICA President **Chang Won Sam** visited DIVRI. His visit included a floral tribute at the Korean War memorial and a high-level meeting with DIVRI leadership to explore new project collaborations.

President Chang also met two Korean volunteers, Na Yong Gi and Oh Hyun Jung, who offer Korean language and art classes through the **World Friends Korea (WFK)** program.

*KOICA President Chang Won Sam during the wreath-laying ceremony in tribute to the veterans who perished in the Korean War.* [»](#)

*Colombian expression: similar to 'dar una vuelta' or 'se paseó,' meaning to stroll around or wander without a specific destination.*





# Korean Volunteers Continue Supporting Colombian Veterans

In May, the KOICA Volunteer Program welcomed Song Yehyeon, a primary school teacher with a music specialization from Jeju University. She now supports DIVRI's music area with her multi-instrumental talents and passion for teaching.

» *Song Yehyeon at the DIVRI facilities.*





# Recognizing Descendants of Korean War Veterans

DIVRI hosted a solemn ceremony to mark the 75th anniversary of the Korean War. Held in collaboration with the Korean Embassy and the Association of Descendants of Korean War Veterans (ADEVECO), the event honored veterans and provided \$25,000 USD in education grants to their descendants.

» On June 5, a ceremony was held in which educational grants were awarded to the descendants of Korean War veterans.



## Invictus Foundation: Ongoing Support for Veterans with Disabilities

Founded by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, the Invictus Games Foundation promotes the physical, mental, and emotional rehabilitation of wounded service members through adaptive sports. Since joining the Invictus Nations Community in 2022, Colombia has participated in various national and international events.

» *Members of Team Colombia 2025.*

# Colombia Competes in Winter Sports

Veteran Rubén Darío Enciso Giraldo was selected for a winter sports camp hosted by OP Basecamp in Dalarna, Sweden. His participation was fully funded by Invictus Games.



» Rubén Enciso along with other members of the camp in Sweden.

# The Escape of Their Lives

From May 31 to June 1, 2025, veterans Carlos Aguilar and Rubén Darío Enciso represented Colombia in the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon in San Francisco, California—supported by the Invictus Foundation.



» Veterans Carlos Aguilar and Rubén Enciso in California after participating in the triathlon event.



» Disabled veterans from various regions of Colombia gathered in Bogotá to take part in the Race for Heroes, thanks to the sponsorship of the Invictus Games.

## Heroes Race 2025: The Largest Invictus Games Sponsorship Worldwide

On May 18, 58 disabled veterans and Public Forces members participated in Bogotá's Heroes Race, thanks to the largest-ever global sponsorship by the Invictus Games Foundation. The Foundation covered travel and registration costs, allowing full nationwide representation.

### ***A Note of Gratitude***

We extend heartfelt thanks to the businesses and donors who, through their generosity, contribute to the well-being, recognition, and honor of Colombia's Public Forces veterans and their families.

# News



## Así contamos cómo los voluntarios de Koica nos apoyan en nuestro proceso de inclusión

Representantes de la Dirección de Veteranos y Rehabilitación Integral (DIVRI) asistieron a una reunión convocada por la Agencia de Cooperación Internacional de Corea (KOICA), con el propósito de tratar temas relacionados con el programa de voluntarios que lidera esta Dependencia del Ministerio de Defensa Nacional en Colombia.



## La DIVRI da la bienvenida al Segundo Seminario Internacional en Inclusión y Discapacidad: "La Inteligencia Artificial en la Rehabilitación Integral"



## ¿Tiempo de vacaciones en familia?, te explicamos cómo acceder a un beneficio para tí con la Sociedad Tequendama



## La huerta de la Divri ya tiene cosecha, te contamos qué alimentos tenemos

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## La iniciativa: veterano capacita y entrega bienestar a veterano será una realidad

Se trata del programa líderes en acción de la DIVRI, en el que se reclutaron los mejores talentos que dictarán talleres y actividades presenciales y virtuales.



## Se abre oportunidad de empleo para veteranos en sector de transporte terrestre de pasajeros

Hay vacantes en Bogotá, Barranquilla, Cartagena y Santa Marta.

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