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Andy Hatcher, USMC

Andy Hatcher grew up in Fayetteville, NC. As a child, he excelled at sports, playing soccer, ice hockey and running track. Andy grew up in a family with a rich military tradition. His father was a career soldier and served in reconnaissance units in Vietnam. Andy naturally followed suit and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17.

After his initial training, Andy continued to follow in his father's footsteps, becoming a reconnaissance Marine. In 2004, Andy deployed to Iraq as a member of the 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. On Thanksgiving Day of 2004, during the second Battle of Fallujah, Andy's vehicle was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The IED blast caused severe injuries to Andy's lower right leg that ultimately led to the amputation of his right foot.

Andy recovered quickly after the amputation. Just one month after his surgery before he was even able to walk, Andy mono-skied on advanced mountain slopes. Five months after surgery, Andy rode a bicycle with a group of other injured troops from Washington, D.C. to New York City. He completed the 450 mile bike ride in seven days. Andy's resilience and positive attitude highlighted what he and other injured troops are capable of doing when given the opportunity.

The generosity of supporters like you has given Andy the opportunity to compete as a member of the Challenged Athletes Foundation Operation Rebound Triathlon team.

How Does CAF Help?

CAF provides funding directly to physically challenged individuals for the acquisition of adaptive sports equipment like sports wheelchairs, mono-skis, tandem bicycles, handcycles and sports prosthetics. Additionally, CAF provides funds to entry- and elite-level athletes for training and competition expenses. CAF also provides mentoring and fitness, and community outreach programs.

How Can You Help?

Make a tax-deductible contribution to Challenged Athletes, Inc., (dba Challenged Athletes Foundation) a non-profit 501c3 organization. To make a donation, please call (858) 866-0959, send a check to the address listed below, or make a secure payment through our website: www.challengedathletes.org.

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