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Brandon Erickson, U.S. Army

Brandon joined the Army National Guard in 1999. In 2003, his unit was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while he was attending the University of North Dakota. Brandon served as a gunner on a Humvee providing security for convoys between Balad and Ar Ramadi. On July 22, 2003 his convoy was ambushed and Brandon sustained injuries to his right arm that resulted in an amputation. He received a bronze star and purple heart for his combat service.

Brandon's wife Dana is his biggest supporter, saying "his strong character attributes of hard work and determination carried him through his rehabilitation plan and enabled him to return to university. Brandon never gave up on himself, he only strived further to become a better person. He was granted a second chance at life, and he was determined to make the most of it."

Brandon became involved with CAF in January 2008 and completed in his first Ironman 70.3 with Team Operation Rebound in February. Brandon will compete with other CAF-supported injured service members in the New York City Triathlon this July.

Your generosity and support has given Brandon the opportunity to pursue his dream of becoming a highly competitive triathlete.

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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