



Chris Chandler was born in Denver and grew up in Aurora, CO. He attended Gateway High School, graduating in 1998. In June of 1998, Chris enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

After recruit training, Chris received orders to the Marine Barracks at "8<sup>th</sup> and I" in Washington, D.C. where he was a member of the ceremonial platoon for Headquarters Marine Corps. After his 8<sup>th</sup> and I tour was complete, Chris reported to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. Shortly after the September 11 terrorist attacks, Chris deployed to Afghanistan. On December 16, 2001, Chris stepped on a landmine and lost the lower portion of his left leg.

Chris received initial treatment for his injury from the on-scene corpsman who stabilized his wound and prepared him for medical evacuation. From the battlefield, Chris was flown to a field hospital and then on to Germany for further treatment. After receiving care in Germany, Chris was evacuated to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for further treatment. After seven months of enduring countless tests to prove that he could remain on active duty, Chris returned to his infantry unit and subsequently

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deployed three additional times to the Iraq combat zone as an amputee. Chris also became the first amputee from the recent conflicts to earn his jump wings when he completed basic airborne school in December 2003.

*"CAF Operation Rebound helped me get back into life."-Chris Chandler*

Chris began competing in triathlon with Operation Rebound in February 2008. He continues to inspire other injured troops to remain active and overcome perceived barriers by taking part in sports.

#### **How Does Operation Rebound Help?**

Operation Rebound provides unparalleled sports opportunities and support to our troops and veterans of any branch of service and first responders who have served honorably and have suffered permanent physical injuries. Grants are awarded for event travel, lodging, entry fees, training and equipment.

#### **How Can You Help?**

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