



Duane was born in raised in Arizona. In 1966 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as an infantryman and subsequently deployed to Vietnam. Duane served as a member of a Combat Action Company to provide villagers in Quang Tri Province security and medical care.

In the early morning hours of 15 May 1967, Duane's company was attacked by enemy mortar and small arms fire. Close combat quickly ensued and Duane was hit by an enemy hand grenade that blew off both of his legs below the knee. Though severely wounded, Duane dragged himself and another injured Marine to safety. For his actions, Duane was awarded the Silver Star.

Upon returning to the U.S., Duane was told by doctors that he would never walk again. However, Duane defied the doctors by walking without the aid of a cane or crutches the first

### Duane Wagner, U.S.M.C.

day he received his prosthetic legs. He then began riding a bike every day and soon became an elite long-distance cyclist. In 2008, Duane became a member of CAF Operation Rebound and now serves as a mentor to many newly injured veterans, supporting their efforts to become active again after experiencing a traumatic injury. Duane does not consider himself disabled. "It's just an inconvenience", says Duane. Duane continues to demonstrate that losing his legs won't slow him down.

"CAF Operation Rebound has changed my life. I'm inspired by all the challenged athletes and enjoy giving back to those who have helped give me so many opportunities to continue on."

The generosity of supporters like you has given Duane the opportunity to continue  
**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 not provided by the VA or DoD.

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

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