



Joe Serino was born in Lancaster, CA on October 12, 1987. After graduating from high school, Joe enlisted in the United States Army and, after his initial training, deployed to Iraq.

On June 16, 2007, Joe lost both of his legs to an explosion while on patrol with his unit in Iraq. Joe was just 19 years old at the time.

After being evacuated from the battlefield, Joe began his rehabilitation at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Within a year of losing his legs, Joe began surfing as a way to increase his level of fitness and remain active. The remarkable progress that Joe made in physical fitness through surfing was immediately recognized by the Medical Center's sports physiologist prompting Joe's caregiver team to make his surfing outings an official part of his rehabilitative process.

Joe is now a regular participant in the weekly Balboa Warrior Athlete Program surf clinic that was initiated by CAF in the Spring of 2008.

### Joe Serino, U.S. Army

Through a CAF Operation Rebound grant, Joe received his surfboard and now may be found regularly surfing Southern California beaches.

**"CAF changed my life"-Joe Serino**

Your generosity and support gives Joe the opportunity to surf for a lifetime.

### 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?

Make a tax-deductible contribution to Challenged Athletes, Inc., (dba Challenged Athletes Foundation) a non-profit 501 (c) (3) 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](http://www.challengedathletes.org).

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