



Kent enlisted in the Army in 1994 and in 1999 received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. Prior to his multiple combat deployments, Kent cycled and ran competitively for seven years.

Between 2004 and 2007, Kent deployed twice to both Afghanistan and Iraq. On 27 July 2007, Kent volunteered to go on an air assault mission in Karbala, Iraq. During the ensuing firefight with enemy forces, Kent was shot four times. The multiple gunshot wounds Kent sustained ultimately led to the amputation of his right leg below the knee.

Kent was determined not to let the loss of a limb keep him from remaining active. Within seven weeks of his amputation, he was competing in handcycling races and, soon after, running events. Kent has also begun cycling and mountain biking again.

Kent Solheim, U.S. Army

In March of 2009 Kent was introduced to the Challenged Athletes Foundation and with CAF's support recently completed a 36-hour mountain bike race. Your generosity and support has given Kent the opportunity to pursue his passion of remaining active in multiple 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 not provided by the VA or DoD.

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.

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