



Major David Rozelle



Major David Rozelle, a below-knee amputee, is an icon, resource and inspirational figure for American soldiers injured in recent conflicts abroad.

While in Iraq, commanding 140 troops of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Maj. Rozelle lost part of his right leg when a landmine exploded under his Humvee.

After completing his rehabilitation, Major Rozelle made the decision to return to active duty and to the same battlefield – the first American soldier to do so in modern times. Now having completed

a second tour in Iraq on a prosthetic leg, Maj. Rozelle continues to lead by example and is helping his fellow injured soldiers to reclaim active lifestyles. He strongly believes in the healing power of sports to help accomplish his new mission.

After participating in the 2004 San Diego Triathlon Challenge, Maj. Rozelle became a proud supporter of the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF). He serves as a role model and mentor in CAF's Operation Rebound program. He recently represented the Challenged Athletes Foundation at the Ford Ironman Coeur d'Alene and was recognized with the Ford Ironman Everyday Hero Award.



Afterwards, Rozelle was driven to conquer the Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Kona – an important goal he set for himself to prove that he's not only "back in action," but back with a purpose. In Hawaii he went over an hour faster than his qualifying time, finishing in 12:46:26.