



Mike Reeder, U.S. Navy

Mike was born and raised in the Mid-West. He came from a musical family and dreamed of having a career as a jazz musician. In high school he and his band gained local notoriety by playing in establishments across Missouri and Kansas. At age 20 Mike joined the Navy and deployed to Vietnam, serving with the Marines as a corpsman. On April 2, 1970, Mike lost both legs just below the knee to an enemy command detonated mine. After recovering from his wounds at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, CA Mike reentered the music business as a recording engineer and producer and worked with the likes of Rod Stewart, Herbie Hancock and Carlos Santana.

In 1988, Mike began playing wheelchair golf and has for the past 21 years participated in a number of local, regional, and national amputee golf tournaments. Within a few years of starting his golf play, Mike designed the Forewheel Golf Wheelchair and has recently written a book about his life experience titled "From Where I Sit". Mike and his wife Debby currently live in Tennessee and have three children who are very supportive of their dad's efforts.

How Does Operation Rebound Help?

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