



Oz Sanchez was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He joined the Marine Corps in 1996 and became a Reconnaissance Marine. After five years in the Marines, Oz decided to transfer to the Navy to serve as a Navy SEAL. In July 2001, during his transfer between branches, Oz was involved in a motorcycle accident that resulted in a spinal cord injury and the inevitable paralysis and neurological complications associated with it. After the accident, Oz's biggest fear was being defined by his injury. As a result, he developed a new sense of direction and vigor for life. He pulled out of his post-injury depression and once again took a proactive approach to living by dedicating himself to education and handcycling. Oz recently graduated from San Diego State University with a business degree and a minor in public communications and plans to return to school for a masters degree in exercise science.

Oz Sanchez, USMC

Oz is also an elite hand cycle racer. He currently holds "Elite Athlete" status after competing in three World Championship events. Oz won a gold medal in the men's hand cycle time trials at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games and at the 2009 World Cycling Championships in Italy earning him the title of "world's fastest hand cyclist".

"Without the support that Operation Rebound provided me in preparation for the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, I would NOT have returned from Beijing a Gold medalist, period!" –Oz Sanchez

The generosity of supporters like you gives Oz the chance to compete at the highest level of his chosen sport.

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