



Lieutenant Colonel Patty Collins was born in New Jersey and received her bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in 1991. While at Rutgers, Patty began competing in Sprint-Ironman Distance triathlons. Upon graduation, Patty was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Army. She continued in triathlon and also began competitive cycling while serving in the Army.

During her military career, Patty has deployed to both the Balkans and Iraq. 6 weeks after returning from her latest Iraq deployment, Patty was struck by an automobile while cycling to work.

Patty sustained a compound, exposed tib fib fracture and destruction and loss of the majority of the cartilage in her tibio-talar joint.

Patty continues to serve as a military officer and as a role model for other injured troops. Although she persisted through 10 months of rehabilitation, Patty endured continuous pain and her left leg remained immobile. On May 9, 2007 Patty opted to have her left leg amputated below the knee in order to regain mobility and the active lifestyle she pursued prior to her

### **Patty Collins, U.S. Army**

injury. Since her amputation, Patty has completed numerous 5K runs, Sprint Triathlons, and bike rides up to 100 miles in distance.

Patty continues to serve as a military officer and as a role model for other injured troops. The generosity of supporters like you continues to provide Patty and other injured troops opportunities to heal through sports.

### **How Does Operation Rebound Help?**

Operation Rebound provides unparalleled sports opportunities and support to our troops and veterans of any branch of service who have served honorably and have suffered permanent physical injuries. Grants are awarded for event travel, lodging, entry fees, training and equipment.

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