

**Grantee Spotlight:
Evan Morgan**

On January 1, 2005 while stationed in Al Quim, Iraq, on his second tour of duty, Evan's vehicle struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The 23-year-old U.S. Marine Cpl. was the only person injured by the blast. As a result, Evan lost his right leg above the knee, his left leg below the knee and his sight in one eye. He spent three months at the National Naval Hospital in Bethesda, MD. Then, he was transferred to the Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio, TX, as an outpatient.

Evan began to flourish while at BAMC. Shortly after arriving he began walking using Ossur's Rheo-Knee, and married the "love of his life" Jillian. He became a regular at the gym and even began running. Something had changed in Evan. He was active prior to his injury, but now activity became a necessary part of his life.



"You can't change the past," said Evan, "so you do what you can with what you've been given."

In 2006, Evan swam at the Sempra Energy San Diego Triathlon Challenge (SDTC). Recently, he competed in the swim and handcylce parts of the Nautica Malibu Triathlon, Presented by Toyota. Now at this year's SDTC, with the aid of the CAF, Evan will be taking on the entire half-iron distance course. He hopes that by being active himself, he can show both the able-bodied and those with disabilities the importance of physical fitness.

To top his list of accomplishments, Evan recently became a father with the birth of a beautiful baby girl. To complement that, he was selected as the recipient of 2007 METALCON International steel-framed home, through Homes for Our Troops. With this huge gift, Evan will soon have a new home for his young family.

CAF is proud to support Evan Morgan and his dreams to be active and inspire others. Last year, CAF's Operation Rebound gave Evan the equipment to get him through both the swim and bike parts of a triathlon. Now, he just needs a racing chair to get through the run. As you can imagine, CAF will be there.