

2009 Military Amputee Advanced Skills Training (MAAST) held at the Naval Medical Center San Diego

On July 28-30, CAF's Operation Rebound in partnership with Ossur, presented the 2009 Military Amputee Advanced Skills Training (MAAST) at the Naval



Medical Center San Diego. Seventy-five Veterans Affairs prosthetists and physical therapists along with medical center patients and CAF spokespersons took part in the day. The event provided education for rehabilitation teams in the methods of advanced prosthetic and training techniques to elevate the physical performance of service for injured amputees through prosthetic fitting and therapeutic training.

"MAAST is an integral part of CAF Operation Rebound's Military Medical Center Physical Training Program," says Nico Marcolongo, Operation Rebound Program Manager. "It enhances not only the troops but the practitioners' ability to maximize the capabilities of available prosthetic technologies, reducing inefficiencies and chances for injury, while improving the physical performance of our injured troops."

The first two days of MAAST focused on education and panels led by injured troops. The event culminated on the third day with a running clinic, golfing techniques for amputees, and watersports. CAF athletes who took part in MAAST included Saul Martinez, Chris Chandler, Warren Frank, Sarah Reinertsen, and Scout Bassett.



"I really enjoyed being a part of MAAST, it was a pleasure working with our injured service members," said Scout Bassett, CAF Spokesperson. "I hope to have more opportunities like this in the future."