

Press Release

Cyclist raising awareness and support for several non-profit charities with the Fallen Heroes' Ride Across America.

Phoenix, Arizona (Wednesday, 27 June, 2007) – Three months ago, Army veteran Ed Acevedo set off from St. Augustine, Florida on a cross-country bicycle journey to honor America's disabled veterans and their families.

After pedaling more than 3700 miles across seven states, and taking a detour to Colorado to complete the challenging 'Ride the Rockies' annual cycling event [<http://www.ridetherockies.com/>], Acevedo has reached Phoenix, Arizona, the last major stop before San Diego. Throughout the journey, Acevedo has made it a point to stop in as many towns and cities as possible to raise awareness and encourage the participation of others.

"As I continue this cycling journey, I continue to be amazed and inspired both by the spirit of our wounded veterans, and the generosity of the American people. I recently completed a 7-day, organized cycling tour of the Colorado Rockies, and had the pleasure to ride along with several veterans, as well as others who appreciate the importance of this cause."

Highlights of the trip included visits to facilities dedicated to improving the lives of America's injured heroes. In San Antonio, Acevedo visited the Brooke Army Medical Center and the brand-new Center for the Intrepid, a state-of-the-art facility whose purpose is to assist severely injured military personnel with their rehabilitation. "Visiting Brooke and the Center for the Intrepid (CFI) underscored the importance of bringing attention to the needs of our veterans. It also proved that the average American is making a difference. The CFI was built entirely with private donations, and it is doing amazing work for those members of our military who have made enormous sacrifices."

Several other riders have joined for various segments of the trip. "I cycled from San Antonio to Fredericksburg with two West Point classmates and about a dozen San Antonio residents who support veterans. Riding with us was an active-duty Marine and a soldier, both of whom lost legs in Iraq." Despite their injuries, the servicemen are accomplished athletes who continue to participate in cycling events and triathlons. "It was an honor to ride along side these courageous young men, and this was the most inspirational day of the entire journey," Acevedo

said. "I look forward to riding with more cyclists on the way to California and am grateful to those who have taken time to support the cause."

Numerous local media outlets, including Fox TV, ABC, CBS, newspapers, and military public affairs offices, have covered the event, thus helping to highlight his cause and those of the non-profit groups he's supporting. Members of the public can assist our veterans by contributing to the charitable organizations on Acevedo's website.

During the journey, Acevedo continues to post to an online journal and provide updates and photos, so supporters can follow his progress and get involved if they choose to do so. His stops include facilities which support America's disabled veterans and their families as well.

Major communities along the route include: Saint Augustine, FL; Gainesville, FL; Tallahassee, FL; Pensacola, FL; Mobile, AL; Opelousas, LA; Beaumont, TX; Houston, TX; Austin, TX; San Antonio, TX; El Paso, TX; Las Cruces, NM; Silver City, NM; Tempe, AZ; Phoenix, AZ; San Diego, CA.

The Fallen Heroes' Ride Across America is a long-distance cycling tour from Saint Augustine, Florida to San Diego, California. Begun on 23 March 2007, the event is dedicated to raising awareness and funds for disabled veterans and the families of military members killed in action. The intent is to pay a symbolic tribute to the stamina, endurance and courage needed by our disabled veterans and their loved ones on their road to recovery.

For more information, please visit www.bike4vets.org, or call 904-485-0177.

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