

PTHA's Geoffrey Moulton Leads Disabled Vets' Bike Ride

by Geoffrey Moulton

As you may know I ride my bicycle and raise money for many charities. My 'silks' are cycling jerseys and this past weekend I was wearing the colors of Face of America for World T.E.A.M. Sports. The ride is a two day event for disabled veterans and we travel from Washington D.C. to Gettysburg, PA. This year we had 110 disabled riders and 400 active service, veterans and civilian riders.

The bicycle is a wonderful machine which helps our wounded brothers and sisters recover in many ways.

Participating in this event and traveling 110 miles over the two days is something many able body people would not consider doing. It is a major part of the healing process for these men and women. Many are introduced to bicycle or hand crank cycle while recovering from their wounds. They spend many years in hospitals and now can move about under their own power. We had a team of riders from Walter Reed Military Hospital along with their nurses this year.

I travel to DC on Thursday, April 25 and help set up the room where the participant's bikes will be inspected and stored. On Friday morning I lead a group from the hotel, across the Potomac River, to visit the Vietnam, Korean and WWII memorials. The picture below is of Bill Czyzewski visiting the Vietnam wall with Lew Meyer. Bill lost his leg in Vietnam and if you look at his hand cycle you see his prosthesis mounted behind his seat. Bill was part of a group of Wounded Warriors who crossed the country last summer going from San Francisco to Virginia Beach.



Bill Czyzewski (rt) and Lew Meyer at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

cycle. It is an amazing sight.

In the center of the picture below is Colonel Greg Gadson. He is still on active duty as a garrison commander. You may have seen him in the movie Battleship or on the sidelines of NY Giants games. He is their inspirational speaker and has two Super Bowl rings.

The ride finishes at a farm just outside of the Gettysburg battleground. The feeling of accomplishment is tremendous.

I am proud of what we do. Although the name of the ride is "The Face of America," it should be nicknamed "The Spirit of America."

Geoffrey Moulton is the "computer guru" and IT man for the PTHA. We are proud of his accomplishments on his bicycle and with his fellow war veterans.



Geoffrey Moulton wearing his FoA silks and Beads of Courage

We start our journey on Saturday morning by passing Arlington Cemetery and looping around the two Jima monument before heading north to our days end location in Frederick Maryland. We overnight in Frederick and continue our ride to Gettysburg Sunday morning.

You can see the wooden poles mounted behind the hand crank bikes. When we get into the hills and the hand crank riders tire a rider on an upright bike can ride alongside and give assist to climb the hill. Some hills are steep enough that you will see other riders pushing the riders pushing the hand



When the hand crank riders tire, the two wooden poles on the back of their bikes are used so the riders on upright bikes can push.



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AIR SCHEDULE

Comcast Sports Net/ Let's Go Racing

10 a.m. Part 1 6/29

10 a.m. Part 2 7/7

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6/22 3 p.m.

6/23 7 p.m.

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