The Disabled Veterans Reintegration and Education Project, with the support of the Veterans’ Administration (VA), Coach Candrea and UA Softball, is pleased to announce the third annual disabled veterans sports and wellness camp.

Each year, this event hosts twenty newly disabled veterans from around the country and introduces them to opportunities within higher education and wheelchair sports. Veterans participate in various athletics clinics and learn from professional coaches and accomplished student athletes. Participants also learn how to operationalize their education benefits through direct interaction with higher education and VA professionals. An important element of this camp is the opportunity to meet and socialize with other disabled veterans who share a similar experience. The support that veterans receive from one another has proven to be extremely powerful.

The 2011 camp features an all-veteran, all-amputee stand-up softball team. This team will be the first of its kind. You are invited to attend the culmination of the camp. The veterans’ team will be formally recognized at the UA Softball Game on Friday, March 11, at 6:00 PM. Directly following the game, the veterans’ team will take the field for the first time. Be a part of history! Please come out to support this exciting new veterans’ softball team, and cheer on our UA Women’s Softball Team! Tickets are available through Arizona Athletics. For ticket information, please visit: [http://www.arizonawildcats.com/tickets/softball.html](http://www.arizonawildcats.com/tickets/softball.html)

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US Marines, Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Amputation: Left above Knee  
Interests; Softball, Distance Swimming, Triathlons, Skiing, Adventure Racing, the Outdoors, Hunting, Traveling and Writing

Michael Meinen  
31, Grangeville, ID  
US Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Amputation: Right above Knee  
Interests: Football, Nascar, working out, hunting, fly fishing, outdoor activities
Phillip “Randall” Rugg
33, Monroe, LA

US Marines, Operation Iraqi
Freedom, Operation Enduring
Freedom

Amputation: Left below Knee

Interests: Golf, coaching youth
sports, his 2 boys and enjoying life!

Kriss Natividad
29, Midland, TX

US Marines, Operation Iraqi
Freedom I & Operation Iraqi
Freedom II

Amputation: Right below Knee

Interests: Favorite sports are MLB,
NFL and NBA. Weight lifting,
softball, fishing and fantasy football
Josh Wege
20, Campbellsport, WI
US Marines, Operation Enduring Freedom
Amputation: Bilateral below Knee
Interests: Baseball, softball, football, volleyball, cycling, rowing, swimming, track and field, soccer and anything athletic. Interested in trying to get to the Paralympics level.

Saul Bosquez
25, Adrian, Michigan
US Army, OIF
Interests; Softball, Baseball, Football, Golf, and the University of Michigan
**Nathaniel “Nate” Lindsey**  
25, McNeal, AZ  
US Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Interests: Softball, Fishing, Shooting, the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cubs.

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**Greg Reynolds**  
26, Dighton, MA  
US Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Amputation: Fore-quarter Left Arm  
Interests: Weight lifting, golf, fishing, softball/baseball, Texas Hold’ em and 4-wheelers
William Silva
31, Laguna Vista, TX

US Marines, Desert Shield/Storm

Amputation: Left below Knee

Interests: Hiking, snowboarding, tennis, archery, shooting, skydiving, cooking, camping and watching movies

Ben Lunak
25, Grand Forks, ND

US Marines, Operation Iraqi Freedom

Amputation: Right below Knee

Interests: Cross Fit, EMT, Firefighting, Snowboarding
Robert McCardle  
24, Franklin, WI  
US Marines, Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Amputation: Right below Knee  
Interests: Baseball, basketball, poker and cabinet making

Nicholas Clark  
29, Yakima, WA  
US Army, OEF  
Amputation: Left below Knee  
Interests: Disc-golf, baseball, hiking, camping, snowboarding, skateboarding, playing drums and Seattle Seahawks football!
**Francisco Pinedo**  
32, San Diego, CA  
US Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Interests: Boxing, football, basketball, baseball, soccer, camping, hiking, going to the beach and spending time with kids ages 3, 4 and 6

**Tim Horton**  
26, Sulphur Springs, TX  
US Marines, Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Interests: Baseball, wrestling, football, basketball, weightlifting, track and field, hunting and fishing
Vincente Ramirez  
27, Lenorah, TX  

US Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom  

Amputation: Left below knee  

Interests: Softball, track, sled hockey, soccer, football, working on cars and woodworking

Manuel Del Rio  
24, Van Nuys, CA  

US Navy, Global War on Terrorism  

Interests: Baseball, basketball, football, muscle car shows, volunteering, and attempting new recreational sports
Karl Dorman
38, North East, Maryland

US Army, Global War on Terrorism

Amputation: Right above Knee

Interests; Softball, Skiing, Boxing, Wakeboarding, Rollerblading, Motorcycles, Music, Guitar & Singing

Matt Kinsey
25, Rockville, Indiana

US Army, OEF

Amputation: Right Symes

Interests; Softball, Baseball, Football, Coaching, Hunting & Fishing
Brandon Olson
28, Hazen, ND

US Army, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Desert Storm, Gulf War

Amputation: Right below Knee

Interests: Hunting, fishing, snowboarding, riding his Harley and 4-wheelers, hiking, shooting, bowling and outdoor activities

Norberto “Norbie” Lara
38, Visalia, CA

US Army, OIF

Amputation: Right Shoulder Disarticulation

Interests: Softball, Golf, Skiing, Sporting Clays