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OPENING CEREMONY OF INVICTUS GAMES REVEALS UNCONQUERED WARRIOR SPIRIT

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A popular definition of the term Invictus is simply 'unconquered.' On September 23, over 500 warrior-athletes from 17 nations, gathered in Toronto's Air Canada Centre to put the world on notice that their spirit has grown stronger through the adversity of combat and other service related injuries and illness. The day marked the opening ceremony of the 2017 Invictus Games, hosted by Canada.

In addition to the number of athletes and nations participating in the Invictus Games, over 550 members of the media were accredited to cover the events, and more than 1,800 volunteers are supporting the games. Honorable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, said these numbers don't capture the personal stories and determination of the athletes. Rick Hansen, founder and CEO of the Rick Hansen Foundation (better known as Canada's 'Man in Motion') said, "Invictus Games are an example of ability, not disability. Attitude is everything."

The Paralympic-style games are the brainchild of Prince Harry of Wales. They were established in 2014 for wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans around the world to compete in adaptive sports. While returning home from his first deployment to Afghanistan in 2008, Prince Harry had what some might call an epiphany that was the beginning of the Invictus Games. As he was waiting on a plane to fly home, the coffin of a Danish soldier was loaded on the aircraft by the soldier's friends, as well as three British soldiers who were missing limbs. "The direction of my life changed forever," said Prince Harry. "I knew that it was my responsibility to use the great platform that I have, to help the world understand and be inspired by the spirit of those who wear the uniform."

As Canada celebrates its 150th year as a confederation, it was only fitting that it plays host to the 3rd annual iteration of the games. The importance of these warrior-athletes drew in a host of talented stars to launch the games. Trudeau took time out of his busy schedule to offer words of encouragement to the athletes and their families. "You're not just here to inspire, you're here to win," he said.

Adaptive sports have motivated many of these warriors to persevere and overcome both visible and invisible injuries for themselves and for their countries. Actor Mike Myers is the ambassador for this year's Invictus Games. Both of his parents were veterans of the British Armed Forces dur-

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Staff sergeant shows resilience in cancer battle

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TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — You have stage two unfavorable Hodgkin's lymphoma."

Those were the words Staff Sgt. Teresa Monteon heard her doctor say on October 19, 2015. The weight of those words hit her hard and she cried.

"I was scared," said Monteon. "My whole world just shifted. I was so excited to come to Travis and work in the intensive care unit. It was a great chance for me to be a medic and I was looking forward to testing my skills and facing new challenges. When the doctor said that, I felt like my whole world was pulled from me."

Monteon, a medic from San Jose, California, joined the Air Force in January 2010 and arrived at Travis Air Force Base, California in May 2015. She was assigned to work in the ICU at David Grant USAF Medical Center. However, she discovered a lump on the left side of her neck in August 2015 that would change everything.

"It was probably the size of a golf ball and egg combined, she said." "I thought it could be cancer."

One week later, Monteon was evaluated by her primary care manager, who referred her to a specialist in DGMC's general surgery office.

He thought it was probably a clogged lymph node and instructed Monteon to apply a warm compress to it and come back in a month, she said. A month later, she returned and the lump was the same size.

At that appointment Monteon was referred to the radiology clinic for a CT scan. After the CT scan was conducted, she said she knew something wasn't right after seeing the looks on the technicians' faces.

"I know that face, that 'something's wrong' face," she said. "All medics have it when we see something scary. I knew something was wrong."

The following week, Monteon was scheduled for a biopsy, a procedure where a sample of tissue is taken from the body to examine it more closely.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman) Staff Sgt. Teresa Monteon, 60th Medical Group training manager from San Jose, Calif., poses for a photo with her Reebok Spartan Race medals outside David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., Sept. 22. After a five month battle with cancer, Monteon completed three Spartan races. She plans on running her fourth Spartan race on Sept. 30 in Olympic Valley, Calif.

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The results were shocking to hear. “The interventional radiology surgeon said, ‘I hate to be the one to tell you this, but I’m 90 percent sure it’s Hodgkin’s lymphoma,’” said Monteon. “I was shocked. I didn’t know how to process that information.”

Hearing those words felt like being slammed in the face, she said.

Additional testing confirmed Monteon had Hodgkin’s lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system, which is part of the immune system. This form of cancer causes cells to grow abnormally, which could lead to cancerous cells spreading to other parts of the body. As the disease progresses, it compromises the body’s ability to fight infection.

Master Sgt. Jennifer Mitchell, now the 343rd Reconnaissance Squadron first sergeant at Offutt AFB, Nebraska, was working as the ICU flight chief on the day Monteon received her diagnosis.

“One of the nurses called me and said ‘We need you to come downstairs right away,’” said Mitchell. “I ran down the stairs and Monteon was on the bed crying. The doctor confirmed she had Hodgkin’s lymphoma. I know for her it was devastating, and I felt the same

way. To see such a young person go through cancer knowing how difficult that would be...to know she was going to have to go through that just broke my heart.”

Tests revealed cancerous tumors on the left side of Monteon’s neck and chest above her heart. She began chemotherapy on October 26, 2015. The treatments took a profound effect on her, both physically and mentally.

“I was extremely nauseous and tired instantly after the first treatment and I had treatments every two weeks,” said Monteon. “That first week after two or three days, my body was really heavy, I had immense fatigue. It’s not like you can sleep and be better. You’re just always tired. I lost all energy. Even getting dressed was difficult.”

Monteon also experienced blisters in her mouth, as well as severe bone and jaw pain.

An avid runner and hiker prior to her diagnosis, she shared what it felt like not being able to do the things she loved.

“I would get so winded just trying to walk around my apartment complex,” she said. “I cried because I couldn’t walk as far as I did before I got sick. It was so frustrating because I couldn’t run or train.”

At one point, Monteon wondered if she should even wear the Air Force uniform.

“When I was bald, people would stare and I felt like people were taking pity on me and I hated that feeling because I didn’t want pity,” she said. “I have an image in my head of what it means to wear the (Air Force) uniform. It means

you’re doing well in life, you’re healthy and able to contribute to the mission. I didn’t feel like I should’ve been wearing (the uniform) because I was so sick.”

“It was so hard for me to come into work and put a smile on my face because I felt like I didn’t represent the image the Air Force should uphold,” she said.

While Monteon battled through this difficult time, she said her friends and Air Force family supported her in several ways.

Mitchell attended every one of Monteon’s chemo treatments, checked on her while she was hospitalized with an intestinal infection and even went grocery shopping for her.

“She needed support, physically and mentally, and she needed to know she wasn’t alone,” said Mitchell. “I’m a huge believer in people always come first. Her health and getting her through those difficult days was the No. 1 priority. Some days, I had to give some tough love and ensure she took in fluids and ate. Other times, I made her laugh or simply held her hand.”

While Monteon was hospitalized for nine days due to neutropenic enterocolitis, an acute life-threatening condition, she was on a strict diet of clear fluids. Mitchell provided the staff sergeant with a reason to laugh.

Monteon was eating popsicles and she threw up after she ate a lot of them, said Mitchell.

“At least it smells good,” said Mitchell with a smile. “It smelled like grape popsicles. Just making her laugh, holding her hand and just being there for her for whatever she needed was the most important thing. I wanted to take her pain away, but unfortunately, I couldn’t.”

Tech. Sgt. Krystal Foster, 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of patient tray services and one of Monteon’s friends, visited her often.

“I cooked for her, brought her food, played video games with her, joined her for walks and even spent the first night of her hospitalization with her,” said Foster. “Whatever she needed, I was there.”

Foster said she’s proud of how her

friend faced each day.

“She never gave up and she was always smiling,” said Foster. “Even when she lost her hair, she didn’t let anyone know that it bothered her. She had the strength to endure and push through everything.”

Monteon underwent four months of chemotherapy receiving her last treatment on Feb. 16, 2016. She also underwent a month of proton therapy, a form of radiation treatment, in San Diego.

On April 25, 2016, her oncologist told her she was in remission, she said. While she is aware cancer could return to her body, Monteon is wasting no time living the life she loves.

In November 2016, she traveled to St. Lucia, an island nation in the eastern Caribbean Sea for six days. While there, she went zip-lining, kayaking, hiking, snorkeling and bathed in volcanic mud.

She also ran her first Reebok Spartan Race that month in Sacramento, California. Spartan races are endurance events ranging in distance from 3-14 miles. During a race, participants are required to overcome between 20 and 35 obstacles.

“Running is how I destress and relax,” said Monteon. “Going from being barely able to go up my stairs to running 4.3 miles while overcoming obstacles and challenging myself again felt amazing.”

Monteon has also completed Spartan races in Monterey and San Jose, California. She plans on completing her fourth race Sept. 30 and is planning trips to Australia and Italy.

She said her cancer battle taught her a valuable life lesson, one she wants to share with her fellow Airmen.

“The biggest take away for me is knowing there’s going to be adversity and challenges in life, but what matters is getting yourself back up,” she said. “Whatever challenge you’re facing, it’s likely for a very short period in your life and there’s so much out there to experience.”

“Airmen need to know there’s always a light at the end of the tunnel. If you’re stressed, get outside of your head and try something fun. Think positively. If you believe and say ‘I’ll get better,’ you will. You have the power within yourself to make your life better.

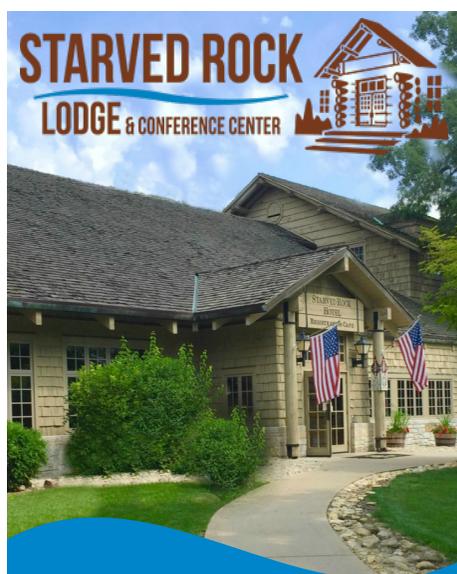
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Sport to sport, with no break in between

By Robert Whetstone

U.S. Army Warrior Care and Transition

TORONTO — The Invictus Games gathered 17 nations and over 500 service member athletes to Toronto on September 23. The festivities end today, but the crashing of wheelchair rugby will continue to reverberate off the walls of the Mattamy Athletics Centre for quite some time. U.S. Marine Corps veteran and ‘wheelchair rugby speed demon’ Anthony McDaniel rolled with the punches during several epic collisions.

McDaniel is a wiry man with a metabolism most would envy. He participates in numerous sports, but the grind and back-to-back nature of the wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball events can take a toll on athletes if they’re not careful. “There’s a lot of physicality involved, especially with wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball,” explained McDaniel. “The chairs are a lot heavier in rugby.”

The pushing, starting and stopping, getting hit, and maintaining yourself throughout wheelchair rugby, then switching to wheelchair basketball looks exhausting. “Sometimes your body just slows down, and at the same time, adrenaline will pick you back up,” said McDaniel. “Your body can be your best friend, or your worst enemy. It depends on how you prepare yourself.”

U.S. Army veteran Anthony Pone has a similar take on the physical challenge of participating in multiple sports at competitions like the Invictus Games. Pone has legitimate NFL tight end size and a smile to match his stature. Asked if it is a challenge for him to go from one sport to another, Pone was quick to say no. “The key is being in good (physical) condition, because it’s much more than participating in sports, especially when you’re an adaptive athlete,” he said. “You have to take care of your body.”

To help his body recover, McDaniel, a triple amputee, uses an old reliable method. “I drink a lot of orange juice and I hydrate all day,” he said. “I’m eating right, and at the right time, I’m not skipping meals because all of that is important. If you don’t take care of yourself during competition, it can lead to injuries.” Pone, an above the knee amputee, says if you are physically capable, you can participate in any sport.

There are minor differences and several similarities between wheelchair rugby and wheelchair basketball. “In wheelchair rugby, you have to dribble every 10 seconds, and in basketball you have to dribble every 2 pushes,” said McDaniel. “The chair skill and movement is all the same. It is more of a recover-defensive position in wheelchair basketball, and an attack-defensive position in wheelchair rugby. Backcourt violations are the same in each sport.”



(U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Seara Marcosis)

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Anthony McDaniel attends the Wheelchair Rugby event during the Invictus Games at Ryerson’s Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC), Toronto, Canada, Sept. 28, 2017. Invictus Games, September 23-30, is an international Paralympic-style, multi-sport event, created by Prince Harry of Wales, in which wounded, injured or sick armed services personnel and their associated veterans take part in sports including wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, sitting volleyball, archery, cycling, wheelchair tennis, powerlifting, golf, swimming, and indoor rowing.

Pone agreed with McDaniel’s assessment. “It takes a lot of time and dedication, but the more you practice, the more you’ll get better.”

After winning the wheelchair rugby bronze medal, Team U.S. family members and fans fought through traffic and took their enthusiasm to the Pan Am Sports Centre for the wheelchair basketball event on September 29. It seems almost criminal to ask these multi-sport athletes to compete in the grueling task to strain their muscles for more than just a gold, silver, or bronze medal.

Adaptive reconditioning has played a vital role in Pone and McDaniel’s recovery.

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ing World War II. “In my house, the number one lesson is those that served their country deserve the utmost respect and admiration,” said Myers.

As the athletes entered Air Canada Centre to take their seats, they smiled and laughed, cheered, waved and some were moved to tears. It was their opportunity to once again serve, proudly wearing the uniform colors of their country.

There was an obvious family theme to the ceremony. It highlighted the importance every family member is to the

ery. “That’s the key to success,” said Pone. “If you’re into sports, reach out to somebody,” said McDaniel. “There’s always something for you to do. Even if you’re not really good in wheelchair basketball, it can be an introduction to a whole different sport.”

Pone hit on a familiar theme among athletes. “Get involved, it will save your life,” he said. “Don’t be hesitant to reach out to people because people are willing to help you,” said McDaniel.

Today, Team U.S. wiped the sleep out of their eyes and stretched tight muscles enduring an early morning semi-final match, beating Team Denmark, 42

–17 in the Mattamy Athletics Centre. Evidently, members of Team U.S. didn’t suffer from much physical or mental fatigue from participating in multiple sports back-to-back. They won the Invictus Games wheelchair basketball gold medal, beating Team Netherlands 55 – 51.

As a spectator, you’re not watching ‘wheelchair basketball’ or ‘wheelchair rugby’, you’re watching basketball and rugby.

To see Team U.S. Invictus Games results go to: <http://www.results.invictusgames2017.com>, click on a sport and follow the ‘show events’ link.

and volunteers provided the utmost help and coordination. You can tell by the atmosphere that the Invictus games will be here to stay for years to come. Thank You!”

Opening ceremony seemed like Christmas in September. “Canada certainly knows how to throw a party,” said Lorrie Majors, mother of U.S. Army veteran Ryan Majors. “I’m overwhelmed and excited. They celebrated our wounded, ill and injured in style. I was beyond impressed.

Bonhomme Richard Sailors donate blood, support fellow military members

By Petty Officer 2nd Class
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Commander, Amphibious Force 7th Fleet Sailors, assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), donated blood in support of military forces on special missions and exercises in the region, Sept. 20.

Hosted in the ship's medical bay, representatives of the U.S. Pacific Command Armed Services Blood Bank Center (PACOM ASBBC) collected blood that will be transported to the Philippines for upcoming joint exercises as part of a contingency plan, as well as support local hospitals' blood banks.

"The blood donated will serve two purposes: it is going to the Marines that may need it during the exercises and to the Philippine hospitals," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Evan Fitch, from Vancouver, Wash., blood drive coordinator aboard Bonhomme Richard. "We have been trying to set up the blood drive with ASBBC Okinawa for a while now, and I am glad that this port visit we are able to provide full support to them."

According to Fitch, donated blood is utilized in many ways, ranging from fresh, ready to use blood, red blood cells



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Cosmo Walrath/Released)

Ensign Damon Walthall, from Sacramento, Calif., donates blood during a blood drive aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6). Bonhomme Richard, flagship of the Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group, is operating in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region to enhance partnerships and be a ready-response force for any type of contingency.

preservation for up to 10 years, or utilizing plasma and cryoprecipitate for burn victims. For the current purposes of the blood drive, medical staff plan to use

the donations as fresh blood, covering the span of the exercises and providing humanitarian assistance if needed.

As fresh blood is often in shortage due to the limited time it can be preserved, collecting donations is that much more important for maintaining a supply for emergencies or a crisis.

"Every unit collected today will be good for 48 days. Just one unit of blood has a potential to save three lives," said Fitch. "What is great about donating blood through ASBBC is that it is used directly by the military. There is no need to make purchases such as from the Red Cross. That is why it is important for us [service members] to donate, so that the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines can use our blood – our donation is your donation."

While PACOM ASBBC accepts all blood types, members with O-positive and O-negative are almost always in demand as they are designated as universal donors.

"This is something that I try to do as often as possible, especially with the type of blood drives that support armed forces primarily," said Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Brianna Date, from Tucson, Ariz., an O-positive blood donor. "To be able to give directly to another service

member is something that I always like to support."

The medical ward aboard Bonhomme Richard received donors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in order to support the Sailors willing to provide donations, as well as to meet the collection goal set for the drive.

Army and Air Force medical personnel were also on hand to provide their services.

"This drive is different from many others as it is done on the ship vice a hospital, which is unusual to us," said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Lee Fields III, medical laboratory technician at Armed Services Blood Donor Center. "It is interesting to see the inner-workings - how our medical counterparts work on the ship."

Fields stressed the importance of supporting blood drives set up by the ASBBC, especially in locations outside of the continental United States, such as Japan and the Pacific.

"Being the only blood supplier in the area, it is important to have all of the support of the armed services," said Fields. "This blood goes to our brothers and sisters in uniform; it can save your spouses, your dependants or your battle buddy who is right next to you in a foxhole."

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Military dentists in high-demand during joint-service health care initiative in Missouri

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Dental care was in high-demand recently at the Operation Healthy Delta Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) exercise in southeastern Missouri. Known as the Bootheel, the region is one of the state's more medically underserved areas.

Operation Healthy Delta IRT, led by the Missouri Air National Guard's 131st Bomb Wing Medical Group, was sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower & Reserve Affairs and is co-sponsored by the Delta Regional Authority (DRA), a federal-state partnership chartered by Congress in 2000 to help create jobs, build communities and improve lives through strategic investments in economic development in 252 counties and parishes across eight states, including southeastern Missouri.

Air National Guard, Navy (Active and Reserve), and Active Component Air Force members set up two field-condition medical facilities in the cities of Charleston and Caruthersville, from Sept. 13-21, to provide dental and ophthalmology support services on a first-come, first-served basis to residents of the local communities. The care was provided at no-direct cost to the residents.

At each site, the lines were longer for dental care than any of the other services.

"We are delivering quality dental care using deployable equipment and assets in underserved areas, such as the Bootheel," says Col. Scott Blum, commander of the New Jersey Air National Guard's Trenton-based 108th Medical Group and officer in charge of the exercise's dental mission. "Our dental teams appreciate the support of all in the community. We couldn't feel more welcome and proud to serve."

Dental wellness exams, x-rays, fillings, and extractions were provided to patients. If the care request exceeded the unit's capability, patients were referred to community providers for follow-on care.

For the first time, active duty dentists and dental technicians participated alongside their Air National Guard and Navy counterparts. Field training opportunities are very limited for active duty dental

professionals and they rarely have the opportunity to apply their skills in underserved communities, such as those being supported by Operation Healthy Delta IRT.

"This partnership at Operation Healthy Delta IRT with the Air National Guard and Navy definitely prepares our dental teams to better support cur-

rent and future deployments," said Col. James Kutner, a U.S. Air Force Dental Expeditionary Consultant. "Working daily ensuring our active duty Airmen are deployment ready does not truly exercise our deployed assets and skills utilizing field equipment. The training here is invaluable as many of the acute care concerns our dentists are seeing here at the Charleston and Caruthersville care sites are similar to the ones we see when deployed overseas."

Among the dentists seeing IRT patients was Dr. John Kersey, Jr., an active duty Air Force dentist from Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, with a specialty in pediatric dentistry.

"I had the opportunity to practice many dental readiness skills in a short period of time," Kersey said. "It was also great to share my knowledge and mentor the junior members of our team."

"This was a truly talented team of junior and senior, women and men, enlisted and officers, Air National Guard and Air Force, active duty Navy and Reserves, all using their gifts, abilities and resources in

beautiful harmony to enrich the lives of people in these communities," he added. "This was an amazing opportunity to give back to our nation and I hope to participate again in the future."

A new concept was introduced during Operation Healthy Delta IRT: Active duty Air Force dental officers and residents practiced at the care sites. They came in from numerous Air Force bases across the United States, including: Keesler (Mississippi); JBSA-Lackland (Texas); Little Rock (Arkansas); Scott (Illinois) and Travis (California).

"This mission is an excellent match for the dental residents," said Blum. "At the beginning of their Air Force careers, these residents get to do something that most military dentists would never get to do in their entire careers. In this area where there are so many people in need of dental care, they can remove twice as many teeth in a single day than their entire dental school training requirement. They experience field dentistry at a time when they are the most motivated and energized."

Active duty participation in Innovative Readiness Training allows dentists, hygienists, and technicians to train utilizing field dental equipment and supplies while treating individuals with unmet dental needs. The joint training allows providers with mentorship opportunities and to learn and practice field techniques and procedures with Air National Guard and Navy Reserve counterparts.

According to Blum, many Guard and Reserve ancillary personnel do not work within the dental career fields



(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Mary-Dale Amison)

Air National Guard, Navy (Active and Reserve), and Active Component Air Force dentists trained and provided dental care at a field-condition medical facility set up at the Charleston United Methodist Church in Charleston, Missouri, from Sept. 13-21, during Operation Healthy Delta Innovative Readiness Training. These dental services were given at no direct cost on a first-come, first-served basis to residents of the local communities.

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• Dentists (Continued from page 5)

in the civilian sector. On their drill weekend, Guardsmen and Reservists teams are primarily completing ancillary training as well as annual dental exams on Reserve component members; ensuring all members are deployment ready.

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