



ERIC MICHAEL FRAZIER

US Marine Corps (*Retired*)

Eric Michael Frazier is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While attending college on a wrestling scholarship, he witnessed the horrors of Sept 11th on television. A few months later, he left college to go serve his country and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served overseas and was a Sergeant. After making it back to stateside unscathed, he joined his new command duty station in New Orleans where he attempted to establish a relationship with his father which he never really knew. He too was a Marine.

One night, he went to visit his father who got drunk as he always did after an argument about Eric's mom. Eric attempted to leave but his drunk father shot him in the back as he exited the 5th floor apartment. Once Eric fell down the first flight of stairs, his tib and fib snapped out. He no longer could stand because of the shot to his back and spinal cord. His father then reached into Eric's pocket, took out his cell phone and threw it off the balcony. His father told him that he was no longer his son, then shot him six more times with a Colt 45 cal. Those injuries inflicted upon Eric left him permanently in a wheelchair as a T10, spending two years in the hospital.

Today, in addition to Eric's sports career, he is also a military (and overall) disability advocate and serves as a motivational speaker. As a Master Facilitator of both Habit Building and Leadership Development, he does extensive work with kids in the inner-City of Baltimore. He currently works at Dixon Middle School as a wrestling coach in addition his own wrestling club called "PinFall Wrestling Club Inc."

Eric just recently competed at the Paralympic Trials in the sport of Biathlon and Cross-Country Skiing. He missed the aspired spot by one-minute and 35-seconds.

Most importantly, he would not be where he is today if it wasn't for several non-profits, including The Semper Fi Fund, which helps injured Marines, and the U.S. Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking Foundation.

Eric's message to the public is:

"You all make a huge difference in the military community in addition to giving athletes like me a shot at the highest level of competition."

ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS

United States Paralympic Cross-Country Skiing & Biathlon NorAm, 2018

Biathlon: 7.5K 6th place

Cross Country: 1.0K 8th place

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United States Paralympic Biathlon and NorAm Championships, 2017

12.5K 3rd place

United States Paralympic Team – Nordic Ski Team / Biathlon, 2010 - 2014

2013 Biathlon National Championship Soldier Hollow

12.5K 4th place

7.5K 6th place

1K 4th place

2013 Cross Country Skiing

15K 4th place

10K 4th place

1K 5th place

2012 Cross Country Ski & Biathlon Nationals, West Yellowstone

15K 1st place, Cross Country

10K 1st place, Cross Country

12.5K 1st place, Biathlon

7.5K 1st place, Biathlon

2012 Loppet 30K, Minneapolis, MN

4th place

2012 World Cups Attended

St Paul, Minnesota

Cable, Wisconsin

Krasnodar Krai, Russia

2011 World Cups Attended

Finsterau, Germany

Bessans, France

Vuokatti, Finland

Solleftea, Sweden

2011 Cross Country Skiing Nationals, Bangor Maine

15K 3rd Place

10K 3rd Place

1K 3rd Place

Paralympics Camps

2011-14 National Ability Center - Park City, Utah

2011-13 Casper, Wyoming

2011-13 Bend, Oregon

2013 Boise, Idaho

2011-13 Olympic Training Center - Lake Placid, New York

2011 Sun Valley, Idaho

2011-13 Chula Vista, California

2011-12 West Yellowstone, Montana

Team Semper Fi. Handcycling Development Team, 2008 - 2010

Athlete Ambassador at Vancouver 2010 Winter Paralympics Games
Vancouver, Canada

Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO, 2007 - 2010

Other

Marine Corps Marathon – 1st sit ski athlete to ever enter race

“Sea to Shining Sea” 3,800-mile cross country bike ride - May 2010 - July 2010

Captain, Team Semper Fi, 2007 - 2010

Advisory Board Member, World T.E.A.M. Sports - October 2009

“Face of America,” 125-Mile Bike Ride - Washington DC, 2006 - 2009

“Run for the Warriors,” Jacksonville NC, 2008 - 2009

Wheelchair Basketball Port City Tournament - September 2009

Wheelchair Basketball Nationals - March 2009

Wheelchair Basketball Conference Championship - February 2009

Wheelchair Basketball Richmond Tournament - December 2009

Wheelchair Basketball S. Charleston Tournament - November 2009

Wheelchair Basketball, Wilmington Tournament - October 2009

“The Admiral’s Cup Triathlon,” Point Mugu, CA 2008

“Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon,” San Francisco, CA, 2008

- 1st handcycle athlete to ever enter race

“Marine Corp Marathon,” Washington DC, 2006 - 2008

“The Nation's Triathlon,” Washington DC, 2008

“Real Deal Inclusive Adventure Challenge, Vail, CO, 2008

“Cooper Bridge Run,” Charleston, SC, 2007

“Virginia Beach Rock N Roll Marathon,” Virginia Beach VA



Paraphrasing a quote by Christopher Reeve:^[1]

*“So many of our dreams at first seem impossible,
then they seem improbable,
but then when we summon the will,
they soon become inevitable.”*

¹ Quote: “At first, dreams seem impossible, then improbable, and eventually inevitable.”

Credit: Christopher Reeve (1952-2004), *Nothing Is Impossible* (First published Jan. 1, 2002)

