

CAF's Operation Rebound Finishes 2009 With a Bang

2009 may be coming to a close, but Operation Rebound is showing no signs of slowing down. Thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts at the SilverMan Full and Half Distance Triathlon, the All Star Buddy Bowl XXXIII and the ElliptiGO Launch Party, more than \$100K was raised over the last two months of 2009 to help our permanently injured veterans and first responders.



On November 7, more than 40 Team Operation Rebound members alongside 10 Operation Rebound athletes participated in the grueling SilverMan (www.silvermannv.com) event in Las Vegas, Nevada. The team not only endured this very difficult course, but they also managed to raise an outstanding \$73,400 for CAF's Operation Rebound program.

The thirty-third annual All Star Buddy Bowl charity flag football tournament (www.buddybowl.org) to benefit CAF's Operation Rebound was played under rainy skies at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA on November 28. Though the conditions were soggy, this did not dampen the spirit of the more than 250 male and female participants who hit the gridiron for a worthy cause.



"It is such an honor to be able to play here in the Buddy Bowl" said Operation Rebound athlete Anthony Smith, a former high school All-American football player and Alcorn State wide receiver. The Buddy Bowl raised \$30,000 for CAF Operation Rebound in 2009.



On November 18, Challenged Athletes Foundation partnered with ElliptiGO, Inc. (www.elliptigo.com), maker of the world's first elliptical bicycle, as the company hosted its exclusive launch party at Arterra in Del Mar. More than 275 people attended the launch event where the company raffled off one of its first production bikes, raising \$3,000 for CAF's Operation Rebound.

Thanks to everyone's amazing fundraising efforts in 2009, more than 150 of our nation's heroes are able to get back to an active lifestyle!

www.challengedathletes.org