

Double Amputee Marine Completes Run Across America

Eugene Roberts, a double amputee and Marine, completed a 3,000-mile, 11-state run across America. His trek, named "Running Across America for Jesus," raised money for the homeless, cancer research, and diabetes research.



It took Roberts nine months to complete the run, which began July 2, 2007, at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He finished April 7 at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Baltimore, his home state.

A distance runner in high school, Roberts was inspired to run after watching a documentary about Terry Fox, an amputee who tried to run cross-country in Canada before passing away from cancer in 1981.

Roberts previously completed the 2001 Baltimore Marathon in 8 hours, 41 seconds. He also ran 5K and 10K races, two half marathons and ran across Maryland in 2004.

Additional information and photos from Roberts' run can be found on his Web site, www.raafj.com.

We Remember ...



Peter "Pete" Petersen, a longtime-volunteer with DS/USA, passed away April 8, 2008. He and his late wife, Suzanne, volunteered for 14 years at The Hartford Ski Spectacular and other special events. During the 1990s, he also served for six years on DS/USA's board of directors. As the general manager of A.H. Robins

Co., Petersen was instrumental in obtaining sponsorship for DS/USA from the company's Chapstick division.

Janet Brown, 60, the national executive director of the Dwarf Athletic Association of America, passed away Dec. 10, 2007, from complications following treatment for leukemia.

Charles E. "Butch" Joeckle Jr. passed away Oct. 17, 2007. Joeckle, a combat Marine Corps veteran, served as a commissioner to the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission since 2004. He served on the Board of Directors of Help Disabled War Veterans and was a member of the President's Task Force to Improve Access to Health Care for our Nation's Veterans. He also was an accredited veterans' representative for the National Veterans Legal Services Program and held several positions in the Disabled American Veterans professional staff. He was DAV National Adjutant until 1993.

SPORTS & RECREATION

eX3 Moves to Michigan

eX3, the 2008 Extremity Games, will be held July 24-26, at new locations in southeastern lower Michigan. Participants must register in advance. Registration can be done online at www.extremitygames.com.

Events scheduled* include:

Thursday, July 24

Moto-X, BMX
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Warm up
10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Opening Ceremony
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Alternating BMX and Moto-X heats and finals
Site: Baja MX
8683 Birch Run Road
Millington, Mich.

Instructional Clinics
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
– Competitions
Site: Planet Rock
34 Rapid St.
Pontiac, Mich.

XAmperd Film Festival
7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Site: Crowne Plaza
Auburn Hills, Mich.

Friday, July 25

Skateboarding
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Instructional Clinics
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Competitions
Site: South Street Skate Park
341 South Street
Rochester, Mich.

Saturday, July 26

Wakeboarding, Kayaking,
Mountain Biking
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Instructional Clinics.
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pancrase
Exhibition
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Competitions
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Award Ceremony & BBQ
Site: Pontiac Lake
7800 Gale Road
Waterford, Mich.

Rock Climbing
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**Event schedule subject to changes.*

USA Sledge Hockey Team Takes Bronze in World Championships

The United States Ice Sledge Hockey Team (A Pool) took home a bronze medal at the IPC Sledge Hockey World Championships held March 30-April 6 at the New England Sports Center, Marlborough, Mass. Canada won the gold and Norway the silver. B Pool winners are: Korea, gold; Czech Republic, silver; Estonia, bronze.

The Championships were part of the 4th Annual 2008 USA Disabled Hockey National Festival, April 4-6, which drew a record number of spectators and participants. Thirty-four teams representing the four disciplines of USA Hockey's disabled section – sled hockey, special hockey, hard of hearing or deaf, and standing amputee – competed in 10 divisions. A number of youth participants were present as well.

"This was the largest disabled hockey event ever," said Dr. David Crandell, president of the American Amputee Hockey Association.