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Congressional Cycling Challenge Brings Democrats and Republicans Together to Compete for a Good Cause

(Arlington, VA) - The Air Force Association Cycling Classic (AFACC) is again hosting a friendly competition for Republicans and Democrats! Capitol Hill's cycling enthusiasts and novice riders will have the opportunity to go head-to-head for a good cause in the [USAA Congressional Challenge](#), which benefits the Air Force Association's Wounded Airman Program. The winning party also gets to take home bragging rights to the hill. The Congressional Challenge is a part of the AFACC's Challenge Ride and welcomes any Senator, Member of Congress and their staff to sign up and compete as individuals as well as for their party. Race officials will count the laps of each individual Hill participant, and at the end, the total laps of individuals from members of each party will be tallied to determine the winner. Last year's competition saw the Republican Party defeat the Democrats by just one lap.

"We are delighted to once again present the USAA Congressional Challenge" said Brian Conklin, vice president of federal government relations for USAA, a financial services provider that serves members of the military and their families. "We are looking forward to this friendly competition for a good cause."

In addition to bragging rights for the winning party, each participant will also be eligible to earn a medal in the AFACC's Challenge Ride: a gold medal by completing six laps in less than three hours, a silver medal for riding four laps, and a bronze medal for two laps in that timeframe. Registration for the USAA Congressional Challenge is now open through the events website: www.CyclingClassic.org.

This year's Air Force Association Cycling Classic events begin on Saturday, June 13, with the Air Force Association Cycling Classic's Clarendon Cup Pro/Am races. Then on Sunday, June 14, cyclists of all abilities will be able to participate in the non-competitive Air Force Association Cycling Challenge Ride. Men's Pro, Women's and amateur races will complete the day's schedule. Saturday and Sunday's races will again be part of the USA Cycling's prestigious National Criterium Calendar. A portion of the funds from the AFACC will benefit the AFA Wounded Airman Program, the event's sole beneficiary.

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Arlington Sports, Inc is a Washington, DC-based 501(c)3 non-profit, dedicated to the promotion and development of professional and amateur bike racing. For additional information on the Air Force Association Cycling Classic and other ASI events, please visit www.arlingtonsports.org.

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