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***U.S. Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance to  
Serve as Honorary Team Captain for Upcoming Air Force Association Cycling Classic  
Armed Forces Challenge***

***All Five Service Branches will Participate in the Race***

(Arlington, VA) – All five service branches will compete for bragging rights at the upcoming [Air Force Association Cycling Classic](#) (AFACC), during the Navy Federal Credit Union Armed Forces Challenge, a friendly competition within the AFACC's Challenge Ride taking place on June 14. Lieutenant Robert P. Otto will serve as the U.S. Air Force team's Honorary Team Captain. He will also serve as the Challenge Ride's official race starter.

"As an enthusiastic cyclist myself, I am excited to take part in an event which not only promotes such a healthy activity, but also supports our airmen and their families on the road to recovery" said Lt. Gen Robert P. Otto, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, HQ USAF.

The Armed Forces Challenge is open to cyclists of all abilities. Race officials will track the lap count of each service branch team member, and the branch whose participants complete the most laps will be honored and recognized on stage during Sunday's men's Pro race. The U.S. Air Force was the top lap accumulator in 2014. It doesn't matter if you are participating as an individual, Team Sabre or a Corporate Challenge rider, your laps will count! So, if you are active duty, reserve or retired, make sure to note that when you register.

Leading the other service branches will be:

US Marine Corp - Captain Adam Hooper

US Army - Colonel Mike Katona, Army Legislative Liaison

US Coast Guard - Lieutenant Commander Will Nabach

US Navy - Vice Admiral Kurt Tidd

In addition to bragging rights for the winning branch of service, 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. For registration information please visit: <http://cyclingclassic.org/general-registration.html>.

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 can participate in the non-competitive Air Force Association Cycling Challenge Ride. Men's Pro, women's and amateur races will complete Sunday's schedule. Saturday and Sunday's races will again be part of the prestigious USA Cycling's 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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