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### ***Armed Forces Cycling Challenge Competition Heats Up Air Force, Navy and Army Participants Registering To Compete In Friendly Competition***

(Arlington, VA) – Competition for the Armed Forces Cycling Challenge, part of the [Air Force Association Cycling Classic](#) (#AFACC), is heating up with an uptick in participation for this year's ride, sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union. The event, which allows active and retired military to compete for their branch's bragging rights, has a wide pool of participants, with the US Air Force making up 40 percent of the participants and the Navy and Army right behind with 25 percent each. The Marines and the Coast Guard make up the balance.

"As a credit union serving the unique needs of the military community, we are proud to take part in the Cycling Challenge," said Navy Federal Credit Union's corporate communications manager, Jeanette Mack. "The event is not only a great way to support the Air Force community, but it encourages people to get out, have fun and celebrate the strengths of our armed service members."

We will again be tracking how each branch of the armed services does in the Navy Federal Credit Union Armed Forces Cycling Challenge. The service whose participants completes the most laps will be honored and recognized on stage during Sunday's Men's Pro race. The US 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.

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. Registration for the Navy Federal Credit Union Armed Forces Cycling Challenge is now open through the events website: [www.CyclingClassic.org](http://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 14th 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 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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**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](http://www.arlingtonsports.org).

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