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Thales USA to Sponsor the 2015 Corporate Challenge

(Arlington, VA) – The [Air Force Association Cycling Classic](#) (AFACC), and Arlington Sports, the promoting organization, are proud to announce the participation of Thales as this year's official Corporate Challenge sponsor. The Thales Corporate Challenge offers companies the opportunity to compete for bragging rights and awards for both their athletic prowess, as well as their philanthropy.

“The Air Force Association Cycling Classic is a great event supporting a great cause and the Corporate Challenge award is a way for companies to get involved,” said Alan Pellegrini, President and CEO, Thales USA. “Last year, Thales employees and cyclists had a fantastic time engaging with local residents and members of the Air Force community, and we’re looking forward to participating again this year.”

In addition to taking home bragging rights, the Thales Corporate Challenge will also recognize the companies that raise the most money at an awards ceremony after the Challenge Ride on Sunday, June 14. Additionally, the laps of all participants competing in the challenge will be totaled, and the company with the most total laps will be recognized, as well as the company whose top six riders complete the most laps. Registration is available through our website at <http://cyclingclassic.org/corporate-challenge.html>.

This year's events for the Air Force Association Cycling Classic -- proudly brought to you by The Boeing Company -- 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 and Women's Pro and amateur races will complete during 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. More information at www.CyclingClassic.org.

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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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