



**THE ARMED FORCES
CYCLING CLASSIC**



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Former Champions To Attend 2017 Armed Forces Cycling Classic
Star-Studded Field Boasts Twelve Victories Among Returning Champions

Arlington, Va. – The Armed Forces Cycling Classic Pro/Am races will take place on June 10th and 11th, starting with the 20th Annual Clarendon Cup on Saturday and followed by the 11th Annual Crystal Cup on Sunday.

The pro men's and women's fields will include men's defending champion Ty Magner of Holowesko Citadel Racing Team p/b Hincapie Sportswear and 3-time women's Clarendon Cup champion Laura Van Gilder of Mellow Mushroom Pizza Bakers team.

Van Gilder, who has also secured a win in Crystal City, is supported by Warner Construction Consultants, Inc., who are proud to "join in the effort toward equality in professional sports. We congratulate coach, mentor and one of the winningest women cyclists in American history - Laura Van Gilder and her team members on their especially busy and successful 2017 season. Laura's cycling journey is truly an inspiration for all – in her words, 'What began as a hobby for good health and fitness became so much more,'" said Mark Anderson, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Warner Consultants will also be competing in this year's Corporate Challenge.

Also returning in the women's field are two-time Clarendon Cup champion Tina Pic of Papa John's Racing, who also has a win in Crystal City, and Laura Stevens of Team TIBCO-Silicon Valley Bank, who won the Clarendon Cup in 2015.

On the men's side, Magner will be up against a host of former winners, including Robert Forster (2012 Clarendon Cup winner), Aldo Ino Ilesic (2013 Clarendon Cup winner) and Jake Keough (three-time Crystal Cup champion). UnitedHealthcare will have a lot to say with Lucas Sebastián Haedo and Luke Keough, both veterans of these hard races.

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The Clarendon Cup, referred to as the 'Race of 500 Turns,' is a technically demanding course, and therefore produces very deserving champions, making the event a perennial favorite for riders and fans alike.

Please visit cyclingclassic.org for more information regarding the live webcast, participation, volunteering, event sponsors and more.

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