



**THE ARMED FORCES
CYCLING CLASSIC**



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Former Champions To Attend 2018 Armed Forces Cycling Classic
Big Names and Local Fan Favorites Set to Return for This Year's Pro Races

Arlington, Va. – The Armed Forces Cycling Classic Pro/Am races will take place on Saturday, June 9th in Clarendon and Sunday, June 10th in Crystal City. This year's lineup of professional cyclists features a collection of former AFCC podium finishers, including defending champions in both the men's and women's fields.

In the Men's Pro 1 event, UnitedHealthcare's Carlos Alzate will return to defend his title as the 2017 Clarendon Cup winner, supported by a talented squad that includes 2015 USAC Pro National Criterium Champion Eric Marcotte.

There will be many other riders to keep an eye on in the men's races, including last year's second place finisher and 2009 National Criterium Champion, John Murphy of Holowesko Citadel p/b Hincapie Sportswear.

In the Women's Pro 1/2 races, fans can expect to see a star-studded lineup led by the legendary Laura Van Gilder of Mellow Mushroom. Van Gilder is a longtime participant in the event with a dozen top three finishes, including first place in the 2017 Crystal Cup. She was the National Criterium Champion in 2000, and has been a perennial fan/race favorite since her first appearance here in Clarendon in 1999.

Kendal Ryan will also be back in 2018, leading the Tibco/SVB team. Ryan has finished 2nd on the podium at the Clarendon Cup 3 out of the last 4 years, and was the 2015 USA Cycling National Criterium Champion. She's currently riding strong, winning Stage 1 of the Amgen Tour of California in May.

Also returning in the women's field is the Hagens-Berman/Supermint team, led by local pro Lindsay Goldman, multi-time winner of the Most Heroic jersey in Clarendon, as well as Fearless Femme Racing, presented by Altamira, led by current Australian National Champion Rebecca Wiasak.

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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 exciting for riders and fans alike.

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