

FACT SHEET

Can you imagine riding a bike across the country, more than 4,000 miles, in 63 days?

Probably not, but starting May 22, a team of exceptional athletes, most of whom are wounded veterans, will take on that daunting journey and demonstrate the strength of the American spirit.



WHAT:

A team of exceptional athletes, many of whom are injured Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, will depart from the Golden Gate Bridge on World T.E.A.M. Sports' longest bike trek across America - [Sea to Shining Sea](#). The mission of the ride is to honor the courage of our service men and women, the strength of the American spirit, and challenge perceptions of how we view athletes.

Spanning 63 days and 4,000 miles, the team of veteran riders will cycle through deserts, mountain passes and historical landmarks in an effort to cross our great country and shatter perceptions of how we view athletes. Riders will visit military bases, interact with veterans and civilians and spread hope for a fully-inclusive society. These courageous service men and women hope to demonstrate by example and inspire all people, disabled or not, to live active and enriched lives.

[State Farm](#) is proud to sponsor the inaugural *Sea to Shining Sea* ride across America. State Farm agents will be there along the entire route, demonstrating the company's longstanding commitment to honoring our nation's service men and women and their commitment to 'being there for our country. They will 'be there' serving as community coordinators -- providing local information, helping with logistics and route planning, and rallying folks to turn out to celebrate the riders along the way.

WHEN/ WHERE:

The ride begins on **Saturday, May 22** at the Golden Gate Bridge and concludes on **Saturday, July 24** in Virginia Beach, Va. For a complete ride itinerary, visit www.s2ssbikeride.org

VISUALS:

- Scores of supporters joining the riders as they cross the Golden Gate bridge to begin their trek
- Riders on various specially-designed bikes to accommodate their disabilities
- The caravan that will accompany and support the riders during their journey

POTENTIAL INTERVIEWS:

- The core team riders, each with a compelling story of why they are taking on the endeavor
- Retired Marine Corps Gen. Robert Magnus
- Former Ambassador Paul Bremer, oversaw Iraqi reconstruction effort
- Army Brig. Gen. Arnold N. Gordon-Bray
- Former POW Jessica Lynch

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