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Alltech helps at Wounded Warrior race with George W. Bush



Courtesy photo
 Owner of Alltech O&P Services Jory DeLeon, right, is pictured with former president George W. Bush at the Wounded Warrior 100K Bike Race that was held May 23-25.

BY JAMI SHELTON

For three years now, about 20 servicemen and women wounded in the global war on terror join with President George W. Bush for an annual 100-kilometer mountain bike ride. This year, Alltech O&P Services was asked to attend as the only prosthetics company to take part in the event.

Owner of Alltech O&P Services Jory DeLeon said it was an honor.

"We were asked to attend by Pam Jackson, who was in charge of mechanic support for the race," DeLeon said. "She wanted us to be there in case any of the wounded warriors who were participating the race needed any help with the mechanics of their prostheses."

"Alltech was considered to be part of the medical team. We were the only prosthetics company invited along with doctors, EMTs, therapists and nurses."

DeLeon said fortunately, none of the amputees needed any help.

"All of them were very prepared, but were glad we were there in the event any major failures came about during the race."

DeLeon said this was the first year the race was hosted at the president's ranch.

"I got to see President Bush as well as Laura Bush. He was the first to finish all three days."

The race is a three-day event. The first day, riders ride 16 miles; the second day, they ride 30 miles; and the third day, they ride 18 miles.

"There were about 75 people total riding in the race, from all over the country, selected through an application process. Those riding included the course designer, the president and his secret service men, plus 15 wounded warriors and their guests. Only five were amputees."

"I had the pleasure the meet and speak with every amputee and share in their personal experiences about being a wounded warrior."

"Being able to participate in an event for the Wounded Warriors is a great honor. Spending time with the former commander in chief at that level is an amazing experience. He is down to earth and makes everyone involved feel welcome and special. Knowing that I could be there to offer my experience in prosthetics and help the wounded warriors is a great thing, but in no way is it repayment for the sacrifices they have made for our great nation."

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