

## [Eric Frazier, age 27](#)

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**Currently Resides:** Maple Hill, NC

**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Birthplace:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Formerly Stationed:** New Orleans and overseas

*“So many of our DREAMS at first seem Impossible, then they seem Improbable, and then when we Summon the Will, they soon become Inevitable.” – Eric Frazier*

Eric Frazier said he “felt a calling” to enlist when he watched from his dorm room the events of September 11th. A few months later Eric joined the United States Marine Corp and was soon deployed. Eric returned from his tour in 2005 healthy and able-bodied, only to suffer a spinal cord injury that confined him to a wheelchair.

As an athlete prior to his injury, it is no surprise Eric considers sports rehabilitation the perfect medicine. Within a year of becoming T12 paraplegic, Eric completed his first long distance cycling event as a Member of World T. E.A.M Sports, riding 175 miles from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. Soon after, Eric was asked to join Team Semper Fi, a sports program funded by the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund. The idea for the Team came from other wounded Marines and Sailors who refused to let their challenges prevent them from competing in athletic events. Together their athletic drive and unwavering spirit on the road to recovery is an inspirational to all who meet them.

Eric is married to Shenette Frazier who is a Gunnery Sergeant in the Marine Corps and they have daughter, Amiya. Currently living in Jacksonville, North Carolina, Eric finds himself going to Camp Lejeune to locate Marines who may need a hand after suffering an injury. Eric is

passionate about giving back to the organizations that have made it possible for him to achieve so many his goals.

Eric is a competitive athlete in the sports of HandCycling, Triathlon, and Wheelchair Basketball. Most recently, Eric learned to ski and earned a spot on the U.S. Biathlon Development Team. Biathlon combines elements of cross country skiing and sharp shooting. Athletes ski three 2.5 km loops (7.5 km total), stopping after the first two loops to shoot at five targets (10 targets total). One minute is added to the athlete's finishing time for each miss. In six short weeks, Eric qualified to compete in U.S. Cross Country Ski Nationals, and in two World Cup Games held in France and Germany! Eric narrowly missed a spot on the U.S. Paralympic Team by four percent but attended the Vancouver Games to gather reconnaissance for his future goals. In the short term, Eric is committed to making the U.S. National Biathlon Team within the coming year and has his long term sight set firmly on Paralympic gold in Sochi Russia in 2014.

Currently, Eric is preparing for the start of the next Biathlon season by participating in the "Sea to Shining Sea" 63 Day Cross-Country Bike Ride. Eric is dedicating this ride to a now-deceased childhood friend, Regis Williams, from Pittsburgh PA, and is looking forward to the stage of the ride that takes him through Pittsburgh so he will be able to meet up with family and friends.