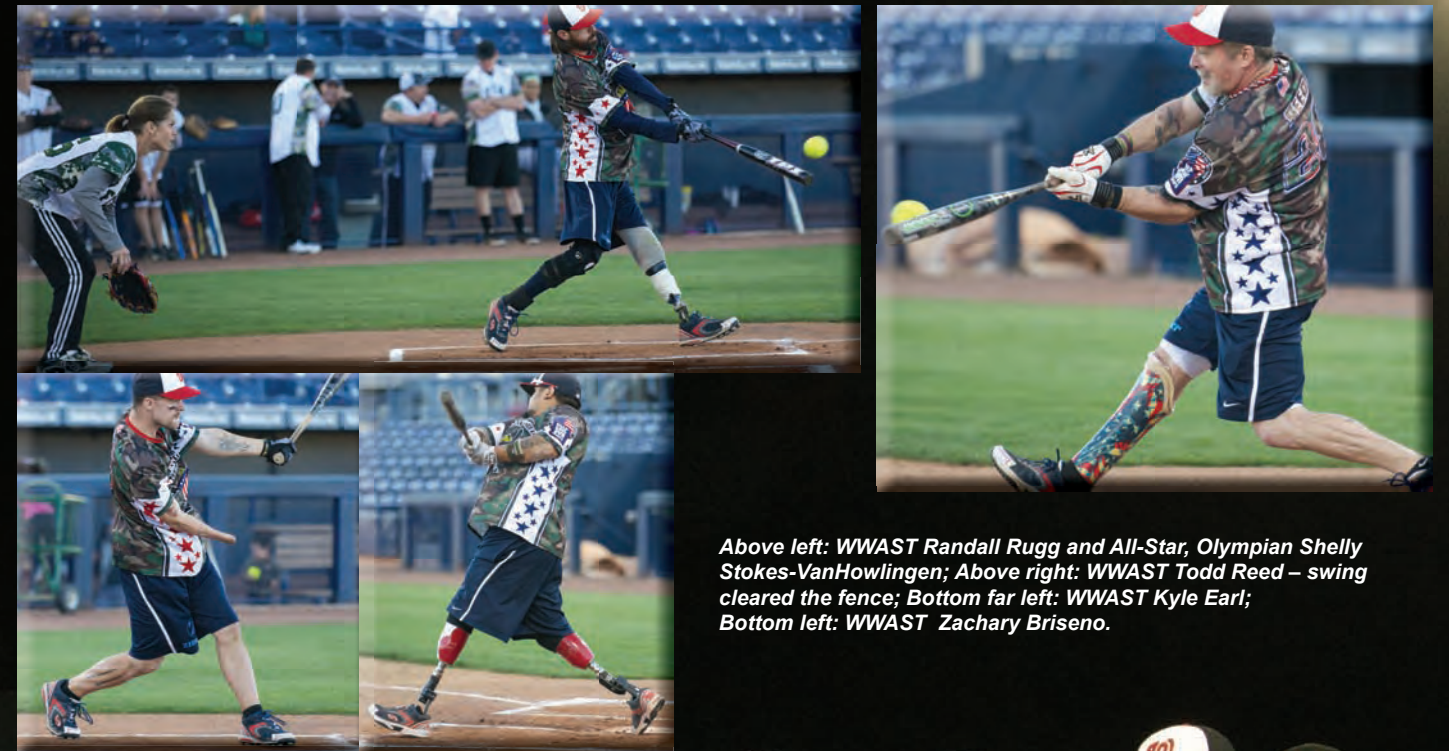


HONOR THROUGH SERVICE



Above left: WWAST Randall Rugg and All-Star, Olympian Shelly Stokes-VanHowlingen; Above right: WWAST Todd Reed – swing cleared the fence; Bottom far left: WWAST Kyle Earl; Bottom left: WWAST Zachary Briseno.



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The weekend of December 13-14, 2014, was the date for another special installment of the ongoing "rivalry" between the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team and the fastpitch and slowpitch All-Star Team. The two-day event was held at the Peoria Sports Complex in Peoria, Arizona, and surrounding venues. The team split a doubleheader, keeping the rivalry dead even in the win-loss column.

The weekend started on Friday night with a well-attended banquet. The evening began with a special meet-and-greet opportunity. Both teams were available to meet, share stories, and chat with their fans and supporters. The night continued with Dot Richardson, Leah O'Brien-Amico, Charity Butler and special guest Randy Butler addressing the crowd. Todd Reid, David Van Sleet, and Randall Rugg also shared special stories and experiences of their military service, their trials as amputees, and their strong will for the future. Program specialist and founder of these events, Scott Gilpin, said, "It is very hard to put into words the special time, honor, respect, and optimism that is shared during the dinner evening. Both teams convey to each individual who attends the sentiments of dedication, hope, and faith. It is certainly one of the main events of the weekend."



Program developer and All-Star Head Coach Scott Gilpin speaking at banquet.



Olympian Leah O'Brien Amico speaking at banquet.



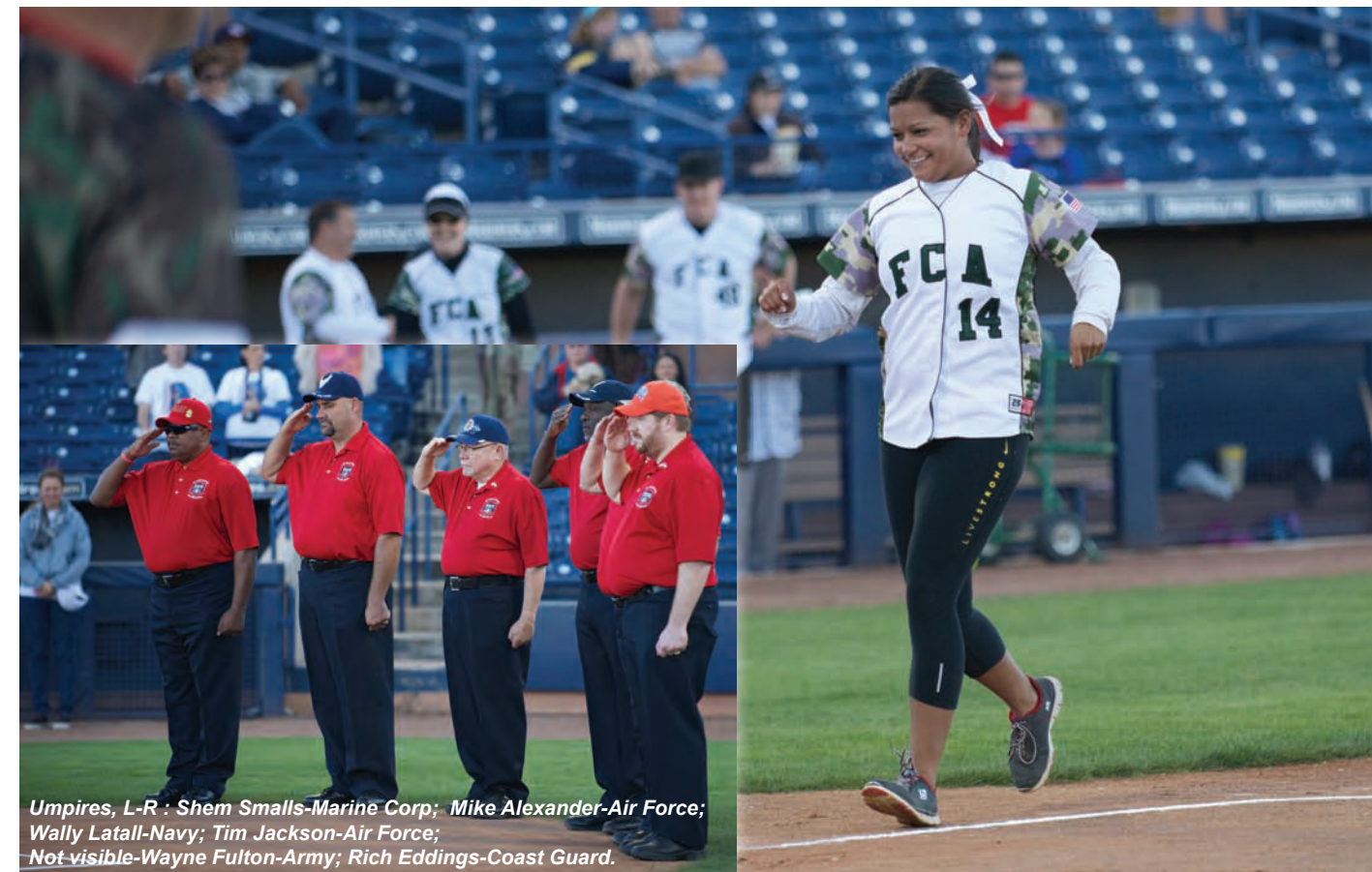
Special guest Randy Butler speaking at banquet.



David Van Sleet speaking at banquet.



Olympian Dot Richardson speaking at banquet (bottom) and at bat (right).



Umpires, L-R : Shem Smalls-Marine Corp; Mike Alexander-Air Force; Wally Lataall-Navy; Tim Jackson-Air Force; Not visible-Wayne Fulton-Army; Rich Eddings-Coast Guard.



Chicks DO dig the long ball - especially when they hit it! Above right - Brigette DelPonte crosses the plate after a home run blast. Bottom: Meredith Aragon crossing home after a round tripper. Also in this picture is Dot Richardson, Kristina Myles, and Caity Butler.

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Saturday afternoon opened with the slowpitch doubleheader. The games started with special pre-game ceremonies, including first pitches from the Honorable Bob Barrett, mayor of Peoria, and Mark West, a former player and current assistant coach with the Phoenix Suns. A stirring rendition of our National Anthem was sung by Airman 1st Class Keyle Kosowsky, who was a vocalist with the US Air Force Base of Liberty stationed out of Hanscom Air Force Base. The Colors were presented by the Honor Guard of Luke Air Force Base.

The All-Stars took the first game, with the WWAST winning game two. Gilpin said, "An exciting part of the evolution of this event is that we are able to add quality players and individuals to our roster. I am very honored to add

Brigette DelPonte (Akron Racers and University of Arizona), Ryan Bradley (former New York Yankee and Arizona State University athlete), Caitly Butler (Bridgewater College), Rod Radcliff (head coach at Bethal University), and Travis Hardin (slowpitch, Wells Fargo) to our core team of Olympians, professional players, and college coaches.

The Wounded Warrior Amputee team is always strong and consists of twenty-six players and coaches. A special addition to the Arizona event was the inclusion of a unique core of umpires. Each member of the crew not only donated his time and talents but also represented a branch the service. Special thanks to Dennis Howe, Wayne Fulton, Shem Smalls, Tim Jackson, Mike Alexander, and Rich Eddings."

Along with the players, this weekend event was able to add to the WWAST sponsor team, including Wells Fargo, the Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Mercury, Phoenix Coyotes, Phoenix Cardinals, Peoria Sports Complex and Famous Dave's BBQ.



All-Star Ryan Bradley and WWAST Justin Feagin, umpire Rich Eddings.



All-Star, Olympian-Leah O'Brien Amico, WWAST Zachary Briseno.



One of our young fans that we "sub" into the game, Alannah Rogers, scoring. Also in picture is All-Star Chip Kimmich and WWAST Mike Dreyer waiting for the throw.



All-Star Charity Butler (#13), All-Star Coach Scott Gilpin (#42), WWAST Josh Wege.