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Did you serve in Iraq and/or Afghanistan?

If so, the **Allied Forces Foundation**, in partnership with **Azalea Charities** (www.azaleacharities.com/events/marine.shtml) extends a warm **“Ross Austen Invitation”** to wounded and active service warriors of Britain and the Commonwealth nations to participate Side x Side with American comrades in the 35th running of the **MCM - “The Peoples’ Marathon”**.

Corporal Ross Austen, a Commando of 24 Regiment, RE, was wounded by an IED in Afghanistan in November, 2008. 11 months and twenty operations later he completed the 2009 Marine Corps Marathon, helping to raise in excess of \$1 million for wounded British and American warriors in the process.

Following an amputation in March, he plans to be heading up a British army team and to be back in DC this October. Will you accept his invitation and join him?

The Allied Forces Foundation seeks four-man teams - a wheelchair warrior and three active duty personnel - to represent their nations and units.

Azalea Charities supports the American “Aid for Wounded Warriors” Project and in accepting Ross’s invitation, each and all team members shall be guaranteed, by sponsorship, a donation of at least \$500 per entrant to this wonderful charity for our wounded American comrades.

Please confirm interest by June 19, 2010. Bibs will go quickly.

Team Expenses: Successful applicant teams shall be the guests of the Allied Forces Foundation & friends in Washington DC - all expenses paid! If flights and transport cannot be provided by the team’s nation - then the Allied Forces Foundation will also meet such expenses.

Domestic Fundraising is expected: the fundraising undertaken in the participant’s homeland shall stay there and be for the benefit of personal choice charities which further the lives of the wounded and their families. The Allied Forces Foundation will assist all teams in fundraising.

For further details, please contact Stephen Cain at cain@alliedforcesfoundation.org. The Allied Forces Foundation (www.alliedforcesfoundation.org) works in conjunction with **Azalea Charities**, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.



Cpl. Ross Austen
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