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Major David Rozelle had his foot amputated due to injuries incurred from an improvised explosive device blast that struck his Humvee while he was serving as a company commander in Iraq. After undergoing surgery and rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Major Rozelle asked to continue on active duty and return to Iraq to complete his tour. His request was granted, and this photograph was taken on his second tour. Major Rozelle was the first soldier with a major limb amputation to return to the theater of combat operations. After completing his tour in Iraq, Major Rozelle returned to WRAMC to work within the Armed Forces Amputee Care Program, helping other service members injured in Iraq or Afghanistan to maximize their potential. He also helped lead the design and construction of the Military Advanced Training Center at WRAMC. After completing this assignment, he served as aide-de-camp for the Surgeon General of the Army, and later attended the Marine Corps University. At the time of printing, Major Rozelle had returned to the Cavalry Corps and was once again assigned to a combat unit. In addition to Major Rozelle's many military accomplishments, he has also completed the Iron Man Triathlon and several marathons.

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