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## RIDE WITH CYCLING GREAT FRANKIE ANDREU

Tour de France Cyclist Returns to Announce AFCC and Participate in Challenge Ride

Arlington, Va. – The Armed Forces Cycling Classic, presented by The Boeing Company, returns to Arlington, Virginia on June 9-10, 2018. Sunday's festivities in Crystal City will kick off with the Challenge Ride, an amateur, non-competitive ride open to cyclists of all abilities. This year, Challenge participants have a chance to ride with American cycling great Frankie Andreu.

Nine-time Tour de France competitor and two-time Olympian, Andreu will ride in the Challenge as well as announce the races on both Saturday and Sunday. Andreu is committed to supporting veterans of the Armed Forces, having served as the coach for the Marine Corps in the Warrior Trials and Warrior Games and as an announcer for the Invictus Games in 2016 and 2017.

The Challenge Ride is open to both individuals and corporate teams. Participants are encouraged to select one of the beneficiaries and set up a fundraising campaign, which can easily be accomplished through the <u>Armed Forces Cycling Classic website</u>. In addition to showcasing incredible cycling talent through its pro races, the AFCC is dedicated to giving back to the families who have sacrificed for the country as well as other individuals in need in its community.

The ride takes place on a course closed to traffic, starting and finishing in Crystal City, traveling past the Pentagon, up to Rosslyn and back.

<u>Registration</u> for the Armed Forces Cycling Classic, presented by Boeing, is still available during number pick-up. Please visit <u>cyclingclassic.org</u> for more information regarding participation, volunteering, event sponsors and more.

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