



Dear Editor,

We wanted to bring to your attention a great story that we're certain your readers will find compelling and inspirational. Have you heard about the group of disabled veterans raising funds to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro this summer?

We would like to introduce you to a new and exciting non-profit organization called **Freedom For Life** (www.uhuruascent.com) that is changing the way disabled veterans approach and enjoy their lives and the great outdoors. In raising the awareness of disabled veterans' desire to remain active, Freedom For Life exists to raise the vital funds necessary to equip them for athletic and adventure activities.

Founded by Darol Kubacz, a paraplegic veteran of the U.S. armed services, Freedom For Life organizes service projects, experiential learning and wilderness adventures for those recovering from both physical and emotional trauma to increase their confidence, communication, trust and self-esteem.

Kubacz has conceived and organized a signature expedition of Freedom For Life called the **Uhuru Ascent**, which will feature several disabled veterans climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro this August 2006.

The Uhuru Ascent mission is to inspire freedom and action while altering the notion of what activities disabled veterans are capable of and highlight all the things they can enjoy doing. Kubacz aims to be the first paraplegic veteran to summit the mountain unassisted with a wheelchair. He will be accompanied by climbing partner Pisey Tan, a double-amputee Army specialist and recent veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, who will experience one of the greatest rehabilitation assignments ever.

Enclosed in this press kit is an overview of the Uhuru Ascent climbing expedition, biographies on the disabled veteran climbers, a backgrounder on the Freedom For Life organization and press photos. For further information and ongoing updates concerning Freedom For Life and the Uhuru Ascent, please visit www.uhuruascent.com.

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