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**Men's Team Announced for The Air Force Cycling Classic**  
**Signature Cycling Weekend Takes Place May 30-31, 2009**

(Arlington, VA)–Eighteen of the top professional and amateur teams will compete for honors in one of the nation's premier cycling events taking place **Saturday and Sunday, May 30-31, 2009** in Arlington, VA. 13 U.S. based Professional and amateur teams, along with 5 foreign teams, will make up this year's field.

**Participating Teams:**

Amore & VITA-MacDonald's (USA)

Battley Harley Davidson (USA)

BMC Racing (USA)

Bissell Pro Cycling (USA)

Colavita presented by Sutter Home (USA)

DLP Racing (USA)

Kelly Benefit Strategies (USA)

Kenda Pro Cycling (USA)

OUCH presented by Maxxis (USA)

Planet Energy (CAN)

Richmond Pro Cycling (USA)

Rock Racing (USA)

Team Mountain Khakis (USA)

Team Type 1 (USA)

Nordland Hamburg (GER)

Jet Fuel (CAN)

Team Medscheme (RSA)

Fly V Australia (AUS)

The 2009 U.S. Air Force Cycling Classic, proudly brought to you by Northrop Grumman, combines two signature races into one action-packed cycling weekend. The excitement begins on **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** throughout the streets of Clarendon with the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of The U.S. Air Force Cycling Classic - Clarendon Cup, formerly known as the CSC Invitational. The famous 1 km, five-turn course will test the world's best cyclists who specialize in criterium style racing as they compete in this USA Cycling National Racing Calendar event. Saturday's race will be a tremendous spectator show, featuring 100 short laps around the Clarendon Metro and surrounding neighborhood streets. Amateur, women, and kids' races fill the morning schedule, leading up to the day's main event at noon.

On **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, the action moves to Crystal City for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row where the pros will then compete in 14 laps of a challenging 12.5 km course around The Air Force Memorial, the Pentagon and through the colorful streets of Crystal City. This is a Union Cyclists Internationale's (UCI) sanctioned race, and is part of the USA Cycling's Pro Tour. Prior to the main event, cycling enthusiasts of all abilities are invited to test their fitness levels in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crystal Ride** – a non-competitive event that offers participants an opportunity to ride the pro course for up to 3 ½ hours! Crystal Ride promotes cycling as a personal fitness choice and is part of Crystal City's Business Improvement District Crystal Fit campaign. Crystal Ride also offers the option to raise money for the **Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund**, who is designing and building the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE), an advanced facility dedicated to research, diagnosis and treatment of military personnel and veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury (TBI) and psychological health issues.

For additional information on registration, course map and weekend schedule, visit us at [www.airforcecyclingclassic.com](http://www.airforcecyclingclassic.com).

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**About Arlington Sports, Inc.**

Arlington Sports, Inc is a Virginia based 501(c)3 non-profit, dedicated to the promotion and development of professional and amateur bike racing. For additional information on the U.S. Air Force Cycling Classic and other ASI events, please visit [www.arlingtonsports.org](http://www.arlingtonsports.org).

**About USA Cycling**

Recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee and the Union Cycliste Internationale, USA Cycling promotes American cycling through its 60,000 members and 2,500 annual events. USA Cycling associations include the BMX Association (BMX), National Off-Road Bicycle Association (mountain bike), U.S. Cycling Federation (road/track), the National Collegiate Cycling Association and the U.S. Professional Racing Organization (professional men's road). For more information, visit [www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org) or contact USA Cycling Director of Communications, Andy Lee at 719-866-4867.

**About the Crystal City Business Improvement District**

Established in April of 2006, the Crystal City Business Improvement District (BID) is creating a soul for Crystal City. A public-private partnership, the BID is providing a higher level of service to visitors, workers and residents in Crystal City - driving to become a world-class destination in both Arlington and the greater DC region. For more information, visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org).

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