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**National Marathoner with Partial Paralysis Plays in Admiration of
Teammate at Golf Tournament Benefiting
Special Operations Warrior Foundation**

*Beth Deloria who founded the national grassroots Get Back UP movement, will
compete on November 6 to support the families of fallen soldiers*

St. Petersburg, FL – October 21, 2014 – National marathoner and co-captain of TeamUP, Beth Deloria, will compete on November 6th in Isla Del Sol Yacht & Country Club’s 2014 Charity Golf Tournament benefiting Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF). She’ll play as a tribute to her fellow co-captain Craig Vogtsberger, who in 2001, as a soldier in the Army National Guard, survived being crushed between two Humvees. Defying his doctors who told him he would spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair, still partially paralyzed Vogtsberger has gone on to win 1st place at the 2014 Xterra USA Championships and is currently training for the 2016 Paralympics.

Over the last two years, while competing in more than 60 events, it was the inspiring stories shared by people like Vogtsberger that led Deloria to form TeamUP, the first and only national foot drop team, or team of people with lower-leg, ankle or foot paralysis. “The kind of psychological blow that I experienced is what thousands of people are facing as they come to terms with foot drop,” says Deloria. As a marathoner unwilling to give up an integral part of her life to foot drop, Deloria spent countless hours researching her condition and a solution that would make running possible again. She found one, and her goal is to make sure no foot drop sufferer is alone behind a computer desperately searching for answers.

Deloria's dedication to helping others get back up has spawned a national grassroots movement and a virtual community of people determined to overcome the challenges they face. Deloria says, "The goal of Get Back UP Today is to create an international network of cheerleaders named Team UP who support and inspire one another."

It is this passion that brings Deloria to St. Petersburg. The funds raised from the golf tournament support SOWF's programs that provide full college grants for surviving children of soldiers and immediate financial assistance to the families of severely wounded special operations warriors.

Deloria and Vogtsberger are able to compete in athletic competitions with the support of a technologically advanced, carbon fiber orthotic device named ToeOFF®, which is made by Allard USA. The brace they use to run is designed to mimic the biophysical movement of the muscles in her legs and feet. The many causes of foot drop include spinal injury, like Deloria and Vogtsberger, as well as stroke, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease and other conditions.

Deloria says running in spite of foot drop has significance that goes beyond her race results. "I know from personal experience the importance of preventing a physical condition from taking away the things you want to do in life," she says.

Deloria is also Manager of Community Outreach for Allard USA, the company that manufactures the ToeOFF® brace, and proud Bronze Sponsor of the golf tournament. Learn more about Deloria, TeamUP's effort to help others overcome foot drop, and the Get Back UP Today virtual community at:

www.GetBackUPToday.com

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