

DREAMS COME TRUE

NAME: Luke Wilson (Veteran)
DISABILITY: Amputated leg
DREAM: Learn the art of fly-fishing
REALIZED: September 10-17



STORY:

Staff Sergeant Luke Wilson is a former Army Ranger. One afternoon in the spring of 2004, he was sitting in the back of a Humvee on patrol in downtown Baghdad. His convoy turned a corner and was ambushed by 75 insurgent fighters.

In the middle of the firefight, a rocket propelled grenade ripped through the side of the Humvee, severing Luke's leg above the calf.

Bleeding badly, Luke was rushed to a field hospital where doctors amputated his leg. Two weeks later, doctors had to amputate more of his leg. Eleven major surgeries followed.

Luke had always wanted to learn how to fly-fish. To make his dream come true, Sun Valley Adaptive Sports flew him and his wife, Tonya, to Sun Valley for a week of customized one-on-one fly-fishing instruction.



“Being here and learning to fly-fish is like the awesome rush you get before you jump out of plane!” said Luke with a grin. “You’re scared at first because you have inhibitions and insecurities, but once you do it, once you realize you can overcome obstacles, you want to do it again and again. I know I learned a new skill I will use for a lifetime. I’m hooked!”

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