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## Carolina Bike Rally Makes Dream A Reality For Wounded Marine



Zachary Fincannon on his custom trike

**JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, April 15, 2009** - The Carolina Bike Rally will be held in Jacksonville, North Carolina, April 24-26. Steve Winsett, promoter of the rally and a Vietnam Veteran and fellow promoter Ron Johnson, have put the wheels in motion to make a dream come true for a wounded Marine. Corporal Zachary Fincannon, USMC, (Ret) will be attending the Carolina Bike Rally as the Guest of Honor.

“Several organizations have contributed to getting Zach and his family to Jacksonville,” Winsett said. “Zach is a brave young man and we are honored to have him join us for the Carolina Bike Rally.”

April 26th, the final day of the rally will mark the 5 year anniversary of when Cpl. Fincannon, a machine gunner assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Marines, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion out of Camp Pendleton, CA was wounded losing his left arm at the elbow and sustaining other injuries. “Zach lost his arm but not the fight,” Zach’s mom Linda, stated. “He had hopes of riding motorcycles with his dad but on that day that dream ended, or so he thought. “Zach’s dad, Danny, and a good friend, Wayne, got together and figured out a way to make him a bike. That was the day the chopper trike was born.

Zach has been riding for two summers now and doing great. “Zach is living proof that where there is a will there is a way. As he was taught in the Marine Corps to adapt and overcome and that is what he did. Zach is an inspiration to all,” Linda stated.

Proceeds from the 2009 Carolina Bike Rally will benefit Hope For The Warriors™, a national, non-profit group actively seeking to ensure that the sacrifices of the wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet.

For more information on the event, please visit their website at [www.carolinabikerally.com](http://www.carolinabikerally.com)

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