

Invictus Games Toronto 2017

Media Kit



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General Information

Accreditation Information

The media accreditation process will ensure that members of the media have adequate and appropriate access to the competitors, sports, and venues of the Invictus Games Toronto 2017 to cover the Games. **Without valid accreditation, media will be unable to access media zones and services within the Invictus Games.**

Media Accreditation Process:

- Accreditation for media will be on a **request-basis only**.
- To request accreditation, media must submit a request form which will be [available online](#) from **June 1 to July 15, 2017**.
- All requests will be reviewed, and only successful media applicants will be advised by email of the result of their application.
- If approved, media will be required to complete a second and more detailed form which will need to be returned to IG2017 by August 5, 2017.
- Media are responsible for any visa, electronic travel authorization or other documents they may require to enter Canada : <http://can-am.gc.ca/can-am/visa.aspx?lang=eng>

Fast Facts

12 Adaptive sports:

archery, athletics, Jaguar Land Rover Driving Challenge, golf, indoor rowing, powerlifting, road cycle, sitting volleyball, swimming, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, wheelchair tennis.

9 Venues:

- Fort York National Historic Site - Archery
- Nathan Philips Square – Wheelchair tennis
- Ryerson’s Mattamy Athletic Centre – Indoor rowing, powerlifting, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby
- St. George’s Golf and Country Club – Golf
- Toronto Island Parks – Cycling
- Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre – Swimming, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball
- York Lions Stadium – Athletics

17 Nations:

Afghanistan, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States

550 Competitors

All competitors will be active duty and veteran service members from participating nations who have become ill or injured during or as a direct consequence of their service.

1500 volunteers

To deliver the Invictus Games Toronto 2017, we’ve assembled a team of 1,500+ incredible volunteers to help make these Games a memorable one for our military competitors, their families and spectators.

8 days of competition:

September 23 to 30, 2017

Opening and Closing Ceremonies:

September 23, 2017 and September 30, 2017. Both Ceremonies will be held at the Air Canada Centre located at 40 Bay St., Toronto.

Ticket Launch:

June 15, 2017 – tickets starting from \$25 CAD

About the Games

- On March 16, 2016, Prince Harry and the Invictus Games Foundation announced that the 2017 Invictus Games have been awarded to Toronto, Canada.
- Presented by Jaguar Land Rover, the Invictus Games Toronto 2017 will be the third and largest Games yet, with more competitors, participating nations and sports than ever before. From September 23 to 30, 2017, Toronto will host more 550 competitors from 17 nations, competing in 12 sports, including wheelchair rugby, swimming and new to the 2017 Games, golf.
- All competitors will be active duty and veteran service members from participating nations who have become ill or injured during or as a direct consequence of their service.
- "Invictus" is the title of a short Victorian poem written in 1875 by the English poet William Ernest Henley. The word "Invictus" is Latin for unconquered. The motto for the Invictus Games is "I AM the master of my fate, I AM the captain of my soul" which was inspired by the final two lines of the poem, and reflects the unconquerable spirit of our wounded warriors.
- Spectacular Opening and Closing Ceremonies, produced by Patrick Roberge Productions (PRP), will celebrate the outstanding performances and achievements of our unconquered competitors.
- The Games will present a unique opportunity for Canadians to honour the men, women and families who have come face-to-face with the reality of sacrificing for their country, and will provide our active and veteran service members with an opportunity to showcase their unconquerable spirit on an international platform.
- Canadians actively look for ways to express their gratitude to our military, and the Invictus Games will provide an ideal forum for what we know will be an unprecedented outpouring of support.
- The Invictus Games will help commemorate an important year for Canada as our nation celebrates its 150th anniversary of

Confederation in 2017. The Games will also help commemorate significant Canadian military milestones that have shaped and defined our nation, including the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy and 75th anniversary of the Battle of Dieppe.

- The Invictus Games will be another opportunity for Toronto to showcase itself as world class city, as it did so spectacularly during the summer of 2015 with the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games.
- We are thrilled to announce that Jaguar Land Rover have come on board as our presenting partner, committing \$10 million to the Games. Partners like this make our Invictus Games possible, and we are continuing to see much interest from donors and sponsors wanting to help make these Games a great success.

Backgrounder

Invictus Games

The Invictus Games were established in 2014 by Prince Harry. It is the only international adaptive sporting event for wounded, ill and injured active duty and veteran service members, inspired by the US-based Warrior Games. The Games use the power of adaptive sport to help wounded warriors on their journeys to recovery.

The inaugural Invictus Games took place in London in fall of 2014. Over 450 competitors from 13 nations attended the Games to compete in a variety of adaptive sports.

In May 2016, the second Invictus Games were held in Orlando, Florida, and built on the excitement of the London Games with more than 500 competitors from 15 nations.

Adaptive Sport and Mental Health

Adaptive sport (or parasport) is competitive sport for individuals with disabilities. It closely resembles the sport played by able-bodied athletes, but with some modifications to rules and equipment to better meet the needs of participants.

In forming competitive teams, disabilities are generally classified by broad groups, such as physical, cognitive/developmental delays or both, allowing participants to compete against players with the same skill level.

Adaptive sport is often incorporated into the rehabilitation of ill, wounded or injured persons.

Competitions like the Invictus Games help currently serving members or veterans overcome their physical or mental health illness or injury.

Through adaptive sport, these men and women:

- Develop a sense of belonging;
- Show increased self-esteem;
- Create an outlet for excess energy;
- Foster a sense of camaraderie with other wounded service members;
- Experience an improved quality of life.





Competition Information

Participating Nations



The Invictus Games Toronto 2017 will feature over 550 competitors from 17 participating nations.



Afghanistan



Australia



Canada



Denmark



Estonia



France



Georgia



Germany



Iraq



Italy



Jordan



Netherlands



New Zealand



Romania



Ukraine



UK



US

Nations Communications Contact Information

In addition to locating competitors at the venues in the i-Zones, access to competitors should also be arranged through contacting the communications team for each of the nations.

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Sport and Ceremonies Schedule

*Sport schedule as of May 9th, 2017. This is subject to change. Please check invictusgames2017.com after June 15, 2017 for an updated schedule.

Date Day		Thu 21	Sat 23 Day 1	Sun 24 Day 2	Mon 25 Day 3	Tue 26 Day 4	Wed 27 Day 5	Thu 28 Day 6	Fri 29 Day 7	Sat 30 Day 8	Sun 1 Day 9
Opening Ceremony	Air Canada Centre (ACC)		6:30p.m.-9:00p.m.								
Closing Ceremony	Air Canada Centre (ACC)									7:00p.m.-9:30p.m.	
	SPORT										
	VENUE										
Jaguar Land Rover Driving Challenge	Distillery District (JLR)		Finals 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.								
Archery	Fort York (FYK)						Qualifications 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.	Eliminations 9:00a.m.-7:00p.m.	Finals 9:00a.m.-6:30p.m.		
Athletics	York Lions Stadium (YOR)		Heats and Finals 11:00a.m.-7:00p.m.	Heats and Finals 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m.							
Cycling	Toronto Island (TIC)					Time Trial 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.	Criterium 10:00a.m.-6:30p.m.				
Golf	St. George's (STG)					Finals 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.					
Indoor Rowing	Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC)					Finals 7:00p.m.-11:00p.m.					
Powerlifting	Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC)				Women and LW Men 5:00p.m.	MW and HW Men 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.					
Sitting Volleyball	Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (PAC)/Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC)					Prelims 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. (PAC)	Finals 5:00p.m.-11:00p.m. (MAC)				
Swimming	Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (PAC)						Prelims 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.	Finals 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.			
Wheelchair Basketball	Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (PAC)/Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC)						Prelims 0900-1430 (PAC)	Prelims 1100-1630 (PAC)	Finals 9:00a.m.-2:30p.m. (MAC)		
Wheelchair Rugby	Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC)						Prelims Ct.1 0000-0000 Prelims Ct. 2 9:00a.m.-4:45p.m.	Finals Court 1 6:00p.m.-11:00p.m.			
Wheelchair Tennis	Nathan Phillips Square (NPS)		Prelims 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m.	Finals 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.							
Para Sledge Hockey DEMO SPORT	Mastercard Centre (MCC)							Demo Match 2:45p.m.-4:00p.m.			

Sport Fact Sheet



The Invictus Games Toronto 2017 will feature a dozen adaptive sports, including archery, athletics, indoor rowing, powerlifting, road cycling, sitting volleyball, swimming, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis and wheelchair rugby. Also, new to the sports line up will be the addition of golf. All competitions will take place in state-of-the-art sport venues throughout Toronto.



Archery

Archery involves using a bow to propel arrows at a target from a set distance(s). This sport is fully integrated, meaning it is played among able-bodied competitors as well as competitors of varying physical disabilities, such as a spinal cord injury or amputee. Competitors can shoot from a standing or sitting position while aiming towards the centre of a given target. Archery is a test of accuracy, strength and concentration.



Athletics

Athletics consists of track, jumping, throwing and combined events. Competitors compete in each event against others with similar levels of ability, according to their functional classification. For competitors with disabilities, competitors compete in wheelchairs, with prostheses or under the guidance of a sighted person, known as a guide. These sporting events are often played among individual competitors or in a relay fashion of team competitors.



Jaguar Land Rover Driving Challenge

The Jaguar Land Rover Driving Challenge is a test of skill and precision where two participants from each nation will be required to display the best teamwork, cohesion and communication to take home the gold medal. The courses are designed for nations to work as a team while taking the vehicles through precision gates. Though teams are timed, accurate driving will produce better results than speed alone.



Golf

The objective of this individual sport is for the competitors to place their golf ball into the hole at the opposite end of the fairway, using a set of golf clubs and in as few strokes as possible. Eighteen holes are played and the competitor with the lowest score wins. Adaptive golf incorporates varying modifications and equipment for competitors with physical or cognitive disabilities.



Indoor Rowing

Indoor rowing takes place on an indoor rowing machine, simulating the actions of watercraft rowing. This sport focuses on the elements of speed, power, endurance and synchronization. Indoor rowing can be modified to help meet the needs of competitors with varying disabilities, making it an integrated sport.



Powerlifting

Powerlifting is a strength competition that sees competitors assume the bench press position, lying on a bench with head and body (including buttocks) touching the bench and lowering the bar to their chest. Once the bar is motionless, competitors must press upwards until their arms are straight and hold the bar still until the referee gives the signal. Competitors are given three tries for each lift. Lifters compete by weight class.



Road Cycling

Bicycles, tricycles, tandems, recumbents and handcycles can be used in road cycling events. In the criterium event, cyclists begin en masse and complete several laps of a designed circuit course over a set time period. First across the finish line wins. In the time trial event, athletes start individually in set intervals. It's a race against the clock; the fastest time over the set distance wins.



Sitting Volleyball

Similar to traditional volleyball, competitors hit the ball over the net with the objective of landing it in the opposing team's half of the court. The rally begins with a serve from the back of the court, over the net, and into the receiving team's court. Points are awarded to the team that wins the rally. In order for competitors to make contact with the volleyball, they must be sitting on the floor with one buttock on the ground at all times in order for the play to continue.



Swimming

Both an individual and team sport, swimming is one of the most well-known sports internationally, with events in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Swimming is a timed competition with the first competitor or team in relay style to touch the timing pad at the end of the last lap in order to win. Competitors of varying physical abilities participate in this sport, with swimming being one of the longest-standing sports for competitors with disabilities.



Wheelchair Basketball

Wheelchair basketball is played between two teams with players competing in wheelchairs. This sport is similar to the stand-up version with a few exceptions — the competitors must throw or bounce the ball after every two pushes of the wheels on the chair, otherwise they will be penalized for travelling. The size of the court and the height of the net is the same as in able-bodied basketball. The objective is to throw the ball into the opponent's hoop. The team with the most points by the end of the game wins.



Wheelchair Rugby

Any sport originally coined “murderball” has exciting written all over it. Wheelchair rugby is a team sport played indoors on a hardwood court. Competitors play in wheelchairs, and the objective is to score the most goals by carrying, dribbling or passing the ball toward the opponent’s end. Contact between wheelchairs is allowed and players frequently collide as they attempt to stop their opponents and take control of the ball. Players gain points by touching the goal line with two wheels while in possession of the ball. The team with the most points wins the game.



Wheelchair Tennis

Wheelchair tennis is a challenging sport very similar to tennis, except competitors may use a wheelchair to travel around the court. Wheelchair tennis can be played in singles or doubles format. The court and rules of wheelchair tennis remain the same as the stand-up version; however, players in wheelchair tennis may allow the ball to bounce twice on their side of the net before returning it to their opponent’s side.

Venues

Air Canada Centre (ACC)

Address	Capacity	Hosting	Distance from Sheraton
40 Bay St. Toronto, ON	19,800 (concert mode)	Opening & Closing Ceremonies	1.5 km or 0.9 miles

Consistently ranked one of the top sport and music venues in North America and the world, the Air Canada Centre is home to Toronto’s professional hockey team (Toronto Maple Leafs), basketball team (Toronto Raptors), and lacrosse team (Toronto Rock). The Air Canada Centre will be the scene for both the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2017 Invictus Games.

Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (PAC)

Address	Capacity	Hosting	Distance from Sheraton
875 Morningside Ave. Toronto ON	Pool: 2000 Fieldhouse: 800	Sitting Volleyball (prelims) Wheelchair Basketball (prelims)	25 km or 15.5 miles

As one of Canada’s new aquatics centres, this high-end training and competition facility includes two Olympic sized swimming pools, an Olympic diving tank, as well as four international-sized basketball courts, a running track, strength training, rock climbing wall, aerobic conditioning floors, and fitness studios. TPASC is a legacy of TORONTO 2015, the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games and will host the 2017 Invictus Games swimming competition as well as preliminary sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball matches.

Ryerson's Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC)

Address	Capacity	Hosting	Distance from Sheraton
50 Carlton St. Toronto, ON	Coca-Cola Court: 1,000 Arena: 2,300	Wheelchair Rugby Wheelchair Basketball Powerlifting Sitting Volleyball Indoor Rowing	2.2 km or 1.3 miles

Mattamy Athletic Centre is part of the Ryerson University campus, which is located in the downtown core. The facility was once known as Canada's "Cathedral of Hockey" for more than 80 years and has hosted many landmark moments. The venue was significantly renovated and has maintained its NHL-sized rink while incorporating multi-purpose courts and an impressive high-performance fitness facility. Ryerson's Mattamy Athletic Centre is home to competition finals for indoor rowing, powerlifting, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby.

Fort York National Historic Site (FYK)

Address	Capacity	Hosting	Distance from Sheraton
250 Fort York Blvd. Toronto, ON	TBC	Archery	4 km or 2.5 miles

Built in 1793 as a military garrison, Fort York served as a key defensive site during major hostilities between America and pre-Confederation Canada, including the War of 1812. The grounds of the fort and the land around it encompass part of an 1813 battlefield as well as two military cemeteries. Today Fort York serves as a historic site museum and during the Invictus Games it will – fittingly – be the site of the archery competition.

Toronto Island Parks (TIC)

Address	Capacity	Hosting	Distance from Sheraton
Jack Layton Ferry Terminal 9 Queens Quay W. Toronto, ON.	TBC	Cycling	4 km or 2.5 miles Plus 15-minute ferry trip across Lake Ontario

The Toronto Islands have been used as a recreational destination for hundreds of years. It features an amusement park, beaches, tennis courts, and a marina which is home to several yacht clubs. But the real pearl of the Islands is the cycling trail system. Against the stunning backdrop of the Toronto skyline, Invictus Games cycling competitors will test their skills on a custom course.

St. George's Golf and Country Club (STG)

Address	Capacity	Hosting	Distance from Sheraton
1668 Islington Ave. Etobicoke, ON	TBC	Golf	19 km or 11.8 miles

Designed in 1929 by the renowned golf course architect Stanley Thompson, the storied St. George's Golf and Country Club is routinely ranked among the world's top courses. The Club has played host to the Canadian Open five times- in 1933, 1949, 1960, 1968, 2010 and has also been a LPGA Tour stop, hosting five times between 1975 and 1984. In 2017 St. George's will welcome Invictus Games golf competitors.

Nathan Phillips Square (NPS)

Address	Capacity	Hosting	Distance from Sheraton
100 Queen St. W. Toronto, ON	TBC	Wheelchair Tennis	75 m or 246 ft

Canada's largest public square is located at the foot of Toronto City Hall and attracts 1.5 million visitors annually. Throughout the year, Nathan Phillips Square regularly hosts art exhibits, festivals and concerts and the summer fountain transforms into a public skating rink in the winter. In 2015, the Square was action central for PANAMANIA, the 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games's arts and cultural festival, as well as hosting the internationally broadcasted closing ceremony of the Parapan Am Games. This iconic Toronto venue will be home to wheelchair tennis and ball hockey for the 2017 Invictus Games.

Distillery District

Address	Capacity	Hosting	Distance from Sheraton
955 Lake Shore Blvd W. Toronto, ON	TBC	Jaguar Land Rover Driving Challenge	4 km or 2.5 miles

In between 1971 and 2011, this 300,000 square feet park was used as an entertainment and exhibition complex, featuring a theme park and the world's first permanent IMAX movie theatre. Today it's undergoing a transformation into a vibrant waterfront park. Competitors in the 2017 Invictus Games Jaguar Land Rover Driving Challenge will feel the breezes coming off Lake Ontario as they take on the course.

York Lions Stadium (YOR)

Address	Capacity	Hosting	Distance from Sheraton
Ian MacDonald Blvd. Toronto, ON	4,000	Athletics	40 km or 24.5 miles

Constructed to host athletics at TORONTO 2015, the outdoor track and its complementary infrastructure builds on the existing world-class athletics infrastructure present at York University. Fully accessible, the York Lions Stadium features an Olympic regulation track and infield and has a spectator capacity of 2,500. The site did double duty as the venue for not only Pan Am and Parapan Am athletics, but for the opening ceremony of the Parapan Am Games. In 2017 it will host Invictus' athletics competitors.

Sheraton Toronto Hotel (SHR)

Address	Capacity	Hosting
123 Queen Street W. Toronto, ON.	1,345 guest rooms 7 banquet rooms	Competitor accommodations Friends & Family accommodations Main Media Centre Medical Clinic Wheelchair/prosthetic repair services Training venue (powerlifting& rowing)

Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

Address	Capacity	Hosting	Distance from Sheraton
6307 Silver Dart Dr. Mississauga, ON	n/a	Games Guests, Competitors, Friends and Family Arrival	26 km or 16 miles



Competitor Information

About the Competitors



Photo Credit: Walt Disney World Company

Invictus Games competitors are the men and women who have come face-to-face with the reality of making a sacrifice for their country. They are the mothers, fathers, husbands and wives who have put their lives on the line and have suffered life-changing injuries.

These people are the embodiment of everything the Invictus Games stands for. They have been tested and challenged, but they have not been overcome. They have proven they cannot be defeated. They have the willpower to persevere and conquer new heights. The Games shine a spotlight on the sacrifices these men and women made serving their country, and their indefatigable drive to overcome.

The Invictus Games is about much more than just sport – it captures hearts, challenges minds and changes lives.

Team Canada

There will be 90 competitors who will make up Invictus Games Toronto 2017 Team Canada. Here are some fast facts about Team Canada 2017:

- Currently, the team is made up of 30 active service members and 60 veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces.
- Ratio of men to women on the team (as of April 2017): 27 women and 63 men
- Furthest points of the country where the competitors reside: East is Torbay, NL, West is Courtney, BC., South is Welland, ON., North is Cold Lake, AB.

Biographies

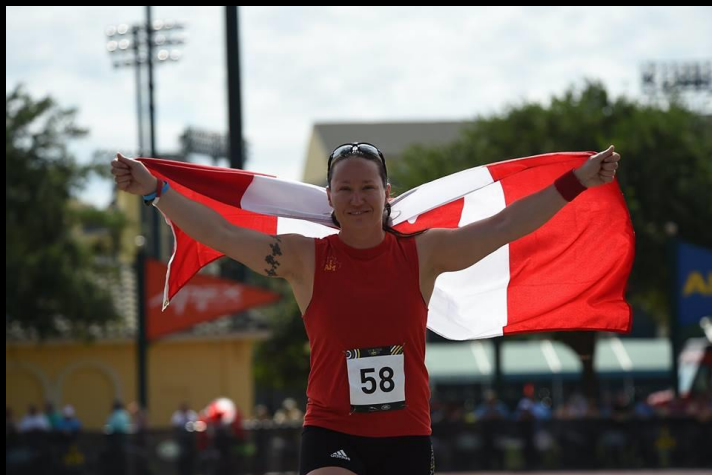


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Team Canada Co-Captain

Retired Master Corporal
Natacha Dupuis

Branch: Canadian Army – including:
Royal Canadian Hussars, British
Columbia Regiment, Royal Canadian
Dragoons

Tours of Duty: Bosnia and
Afganistan

Sports: weightlifting, athletics

Retired Master Corporal Natacha Dupuis served with the Canadian Army for almost 16 years – including with the Royal Canadian Hussars, the British Columbia Regiment, and the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Natacha was deployed for several missions, such as the ice storm crisis of 1998, and served tours in Bosnia and Afghanistan.

After her second tour in Afghanistan, where she witnessed the gruesome death of two of her brothers-in-arms, she was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI). As part of her road to recovery, she turned to different techniques, such as meditation, but found that rigorous physical exercise was the most beneficial.

Dupuis is thankful to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Soldier On Program for helping to get her back into sports and training. Through the program, she was able to take up mountain biking. She credits her fellow Soldier On participants for having been a huge inspiration in her recovery process. She pursued a security management program at La Cité college in Gatineau, Québec.

Team Canada Co-Captain

Captain Simon Mailloux

Branch: Canadian Army – Royal 22nd Regiment (The Van Doos)

Tours of Duty: Including OP ATHENA in 2007 – Kandahar, Afghanistan

Sports: Rowing, sitting volleyball, athletics

Captain Simon Mailloux is currently serving with the Canadian Army. Mailloux was injured after an improvised explosive device, commonly called an IED, destroyed his command vehicle during OP ATHENA in 2007 in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The bomb amputated his left leg at the knee, and left him with a fractured jaw and various lacerations.

Mailloux started rehabilitation early on to return to service and redeploy in theater. He credits the Soldier On program with being instrumental in his road to recovery in that it opened up training opportunities that introduced him to adapted sports. This allowed him to take part in high-calibre athletic competitions that contributed to changing his outlook on his injuries and abilities.

An important factor in his recovery process was getting his family involved, in particular his wife, Kari Mariska Pries, who went from nurse to trainer to help him get back on his feet. Mailloux's hometown is Québec City, Québec.



Photo Credit: Walt Disney World Company

CEO Invictus Games Toronto 2017

Michael Burns



Michael Burns is CEO of the Invictus Games Toronto 2017, the only international competition in the world featuring ill and injured soldiers from 17 nations that will be coming to Toronto in September, 2017.

Michael brings more than 20-years of an extensive experience in marketing, financial services, technology and entrepreneurial start-up.

Michael is co-founder of the True Patriot Love Foundation, which supports Canada's military, veterans and their families. In June 2016, Canada's Governor-General, on behalf of the Queen, awarded Burns The Meritorious Service Cross for this work with military families. In 2012, he was awarded the Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service, the military's highest honour for a civilian.

He is Chair of the Michael Garron Hospital Foundation Board (formerly the Toronto East General Hospital Board Foundation). Last year, he successfully led the team that secured the Garrons' \$50-million donation, the largest gift ever made to a Canadian community-teaching hospital and it matches the largest gift ever to any hospital in Canada.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of two world-class venues in Toronto: Roy Thomson Hall and Massey Hall. Finally, in 2010, he was named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40.

Video Links



Invictus Games Toronto 2017
Sizzle Reel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LY1eFDvRzls&feature=youtu.be>



Meet 2017 Team Canada Co-Captain
Natacha Dupuis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KkhxCohZio>



Meet 2016/2017 Team Canada Competitor
Joel Guindon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v34pZqxhQA4>



Volunteer Feature
Meet Maggie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvDrMEI83SY>



Meet Wanda

Wife of 2016 Team Canada Competitor –
Harry Reddin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYO5Mt45rtc>

For additional footage requests, please email:

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