

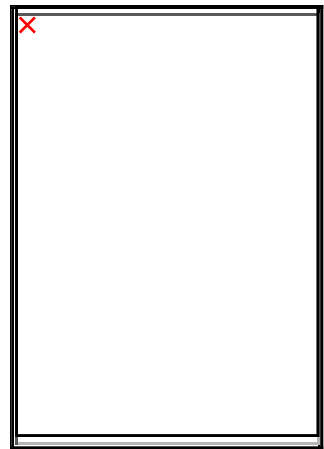
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Diversity includes Disability: Dr. Rory Cooper (photo, right) will speak here for National Disability Employment Awareness Observance

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Wil Washcoe Auditorium



In 2003, shortly after arriving in Iraq, an anti-tank mine blew off then-Maj. David Rozelle's right foot and part of his leg below the knee. After his injury, he was determined not to let the wound define him, and instead vowed to return to service in Iraq. Once his wound healed, he dove into rehabilitation and was fitted with an artificial foot and left. He returned to Iraq for two additional tours.



"I didn't let that landmine injury define me, I made it so my recovery from the landmine injury and my return to war was what defined me," said Lt. Col. Rozelle. (photo, left)

A boating accident left U.S. Air Force Capt. Christy Wise without her right leg. Three months later, she joined 270 wounded service people participating at the 2015 Department of Defense Wounded Warrior Games. She has since requalified as an Air Force pilot.

Stories of motivation and discipline cannot be told without recognizing the science and technology at work.



You're invited to the National Disability Employment event on Friday, Oct 21, from Noon to 1 p.m. in Wil Washcoe Auditorium, in Root Hall.

This will be an opportunity to learn about breakthroughs in employment and in technology for disabled Americans through the first-person experience and expertise of Dr. Rory A. Cooper.

Dr. Cooper is a nationally known expert and innovator in the field of Rehabilitative Science and Technology. An Army veteran with a spinal cord injury, he has dedicated a career to advancing science and support through many roles, titles, and achievements.

Dr. Cooper is FISA & Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Chair and Distinguished Professor of the Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, and professor of Bioengineering, Mechanical Engineering, Physical Medicine & Rehab, and Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Cooper is also Director of the Human Engineering Research Laboratories.

He is the Founding Director and VA Senior Research Career Scientist of the Human Engineering Research Laboratories: a Department of Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development Center of Excellence in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh. He has been a member of the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – Medicare Advisory Committee, U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Prosthetics & Special Disability Programs Advisory Committee, Chair of the National Advisory Board on Medical Rehabilitation Research of the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development.

This event for the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks community and neighbors is part of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

National Disability Employment Awareness Month is a time to recognize the significant contributions American workers with disabilities make each and every day. It is an opportunity for us to reaffirm the DoD commitment to recruit, retain, and advance people with disabilities throughout our workforce.