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## MARINE'S NEW DRILL

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October 17, 2006 -- Marine hero Sgt. John Jones put on his dress uniform last night so he could "cut some rug" with his stunning wife, Amber-not bad for a double amputee.

Jones, 29, who lost his legs in a land mine explosion in Iraq last year, was one of the honorees last night at a fund-raising dinner for the Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project, at the Time Warner Center.

The organization helps rehabilitate wounded service members by teaching them to participate in sports, including biking, running and golf.

"I went skiing and by my second trip, I was hooked," Jones said as he stood proudly wearing his Purple Heart. He said he was an avid skier before being wounded.

Amber, who married Jones in the hospital in February 2005, said her husband came back from the trip "more positive and confident that his life wasn't going to be as miserable as he might have thought."

Which is exactly the point, according to Kirk Bauer, the executive director of Disabled Sports USA, which co-sponsors the project.

"They need something to believe in," he said. "They need something to participate in."

Bauer, who lost a leg in Vietnam, said the dinner was expected to raise several hundred thousand dollars for the project, which is funded entirely by private donations. He said the group is looking for some government funding, including a grant by New York state.

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