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## **AMPUTEE TRANSCONTINENTAL BIKE RIDE ARRIVES AT HEALTHSOUTH**

ALEXANDRIA, La. – Amputees Across America, a group of amputees making a transcontinental bike ride, will arrive at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Alexandria at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2010. A welcome reception will be held in honor of the cyclists who are riding in relays across the United States and visiting hospitals to increase public awareness of amputees as people with active lifestyles.

While in Alexandria, Amputees Across America members, Dick Fate, John Cool, Joe Sapere and Doc Milligan, will visit HealthSouth Alexandria patients and Orthotics and Prosthetic Clinic attendees to share stories of overcoming their amputation to live healthy, fulfilling lives. A riding group, made up of HealthSouth staff and volunteers, will participate in a local bike ride beginning at the Best Western on MacArthur Drive at 8:30 a.m. and ending at HealthSouth Alexandria at 9:30 a.m. Following the ride, a reception in the third floor cafeteria will include speeches from the Mayor of Pineville and Amputees Across America members as well as a 2 p.m. meeting of the hospital's newly formed Amputee Support Group.

“We are delighted to host Amputees Across America at our hospital,” says Bill Bush, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Alexandria chief executive officer. “This visit provides an excellent opportunity for our patients as well as our community to see first hand that no physical disability should keep anyone from living an active lifestyle.”

This is the ninth year AAA has made a cross-country journey. The riders departed on June 2, 2010, from HealthSouth Tustin Rehabilitation Hospital in California. To reach their final destination at HealthSouth Treasure Coast Rehabilitation Hospital in Vero Beach, Fla., on July 26, 2010, the group will travel 3,500 miles and stop at 20 HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospitals in less than 60 days. For more information about this year's journey and the riders who make it possible, visit [www.healthsouthalexandria.com](http://www.healthsouthalexandria.com).

HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Alexandria is a 47-bed inpatient hospital that provides a higher level of rehabilitative care to patients who are recovering from stroke and other neurological disorders, brain and spinal cord injury, amputations and orthopedic, cardiac and pulmonary conditions. Accredited by The Joint Commission, the hospital is located at 104 N. Third Street.

HealthSouth is the nation's largest provider of inpatient rehabilitative healthcare services. Operating in 26 states across the country and in Puerto Rico, HealthSouth serves patients through its network of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, outpatient rehabilitation satellite clinics and home health agencies. HealthSouth strives to be the nation's preeminent provider of inpatient rehabilitative services and can be found on the Web at [www.healthsouth.com](http://www.healthsouth.com).

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