Athlete Ryan McGuire

Name: Ryan McGuire

Hometown:
The Woodlands, Texas

Rank:
Second Lieutenant, Active Duty

AFSC:
92T0 (Student Pilot)

Unit:
47th Operations Support Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas

Injury Type:
Transtibial amputation on right leg

Date of Injury:
September 6, 2009

Current Occupation:
Undergoing rehab at the Center for the Intrepid at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas

Goals:
Become the first student to return to pilot training after an amputation and do every sport and activity that I could do before my accident.

"I am trying to return to pilot training at Laughlin AFB and I can't wait to fly again."

Second Lt. Ryan McGuire graduated from the Air Force Academy in 2008 and is currently a student pilot at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas.

Second Lt. Ryan McGuire is a 2008 Air Force Academy graduate and a student pilot assigned to the 47th Operations Support Squadron at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. McGuire was injured during a boating accident at Laughlin AFB during pilot training in September 2009. He sustained multiple injuries, including a fractured pelvis and dislocated hip. The injuries to his right leg required it to be amputated below the knee. Since his injury, McGuire has been in a rehabilitation program at the Center for the Intrepid at Brook Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. Some of the accomplishments he has made during his recovery include skiing in Colorado, climbing 952 steps of the Tower of the Americas in San Antonio, and completing a 26.2 mile Bataan Memorial Death march at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. He hopes to return to pilot training after his rehabilitation is complete as well as returning to running, swimming, and cycling.