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American Portfolios CEO Lon T. Dolber Participates in Leg of World Team Sports 2012 Sea to Shining Sea Cross-Country Bike Ride

HOLBROOK, N.Y. (June 26, 2012) — On June 14th, American Portfolios (AP) President and CEO Lon T. Dolber set out to ride alongside disabled veterans in a leg of the 2012 Sea to Shining Sea Cross Country bike ride from Salt Lake City, Utah to Denver, Colorado. Over the course of one week, Dolber traveled 500 miles on this leg of the journey.

As one of the major sponsors of the event organized by nonprofit organization, World Team Sports (WTS), AP enabled 18 wounded warriors to participate at no cost to them, including air transportation, lodging and meals. The two-month journey will have participants cycling from San Francisco, Ca. to Virginia Beach, Va. Biking up to 125 miles in a single day, traveling nearly 4,000 miles through fourteen states crossing mountains, deserts, farmlands and cities. The accompanying men and women participating in this event have served our country in the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Vietnam. These wounded warriors' disabilities range from loss of limbs, to blindness, to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. But, none of these disabilities hinder their willingness to challenge themselves in order to reach their goals. The ride is fully supported through sponsorship and donations and hopes to provide a dramatic example that disabled-bodied individuals can lead productive lives and accomplish remarkable athletic achievements.

As an active participant and supporter for WTS since 2007, Dolber became a board member for the organization—having already planned and orchestrated three WTS Adventure Team Challenge events at the Center of Discovery in Upstate New York. He has also participated in the Face of America bike ride for the past five years and, kayaked with disabled U.S. and Canadian veterans in and around Vancouver Island, and was part of an WTS sponsored expedition to escort 14 individuals with varying disabilities to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Our CEO continues to exemplify how volunteering a little bit of time and dedication can drastically improve an individual's life.

Beside Dolber every pedal of the way, American Portfolios affiliated colleague, Frank Ocello, took on this challenge as well. Together they pushed through the 500 miles of the ride until June 20th. Ocello has raised \$6,000 for the event and, in addition, had \$4,000 worth of prizes donated by his sponsors. This allowed him to hold a raffle to benefit his fundraising efforts. Ocello clearly demonstrated his dedication to and support for this ride.

Another affiliated colleague of American Portfolio's took on a leg of this ride—Bob Clayton. Clayton committed to three-weeks of this two month journey where he rode nearly 1,500 miles through Nevada from Carson City to Fallon. He rode in honor of his brother, John Clayton, who had passed on in the same city he would end his ride. More than 32 years ago, Clayton's brother lost his life in a helicopter accident in Fallon, NV, doing training maneuvers as a corporal in the U.S Marine Corp. What started out as another bike ride, turned into something much more personal. The Sea to Shining Sea bike ride became a way for Clayton to honor his brother's life where he dedicated every mile to Corporal

John Clayton. Clayton has participated in four Face of America bike rides and an Adventure Team Challenge with disabled residents from the Center for Discovery in Upstate New York.

American Portfolios is so proud to support this unique event which honors the courage of our military and the strength of the American spirit.

About American Portfolios

Headquartered in Holbrook, N.Y., APFS is a full-service independent broker/dealer and registered FINRA/SIPC member firm offering a complete range of financial services, including personal, financial and retirement planning, securities trading, mutual funds, access to investment research, long-term care planning, insurance products and tax-free investing. Founded in 2001, the firm's primary function is to support independent financial professionals in private practice. The company currently serves more than 786 independent investment professionals located in 362 branch locations throughout the nation. CEO and President of APFS, Lon Dolber, is affiliated with various charities, such as World T.E.A.M Sports, and always encourages employees, advisors and friends to volunteer. For more information about American Portfolios, visit <http://public.americanportfolios.com/>

About World T.E.A.M Sports

World T.E.A.M. Sports is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization chartered in North Carolina and headquartered in Holbrook, New York. For more than twenty years, World T.E.A.M. Sports has organized different athletic events for disabled and able-bodied citizens. These events range from mountain climbing to white water rafting to bike rides. They use athletics to "challenge disabled men, women and children to accomplish goals they never thought possible." The participating athletes stand as role models who set an example for other disabled citizens—encouraging them, too, to take up physical activities. At World T.E.A.M. Sports, "The Exceptional Athlete Matters. To learn more about World T.E.A.M Sports, visit <http://worldteamsports.org/>

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