



**MIKE SAVICKI**  
**National Mobility Awareness Month Spokesperson**

**Overview:**

Mike Savicki, who is a 44 year-old freelance sports journalist, disability advocate and small business entrepreneur, sustained a C6, 7 spinal cord injury in 1990 from a dive into the waters of Pensacola Beach, Fla., while in flight school to become an F-14 pilot. Since the injury, he has not looked back. He has been a medalist at National Veterans Wheelchair Games 69 times, the largest annual wheelchair sports competition in the world, and has become the only person to ever finish the Boston Marathon both on foot and in a wheelchair, a race he has completed 18 times since 1990.

**Notable Achievements:**

- Graduated Fuqua School of Business at Duke University in 1994 as only the second student in a wheelchair to earn an MBA degree. Delivered the commencement address.
- Officially recognized as the only person to ever complete the Boston Marathon both on foot and in a wheelchair.
- Winner - 2005, 2007 - 2010 Boston Marathon Quad Wheelchair Division (18 time finisher)
- National Veterans Wheelchair Games – 69 gold medals (1991-2011)
- Featured nationally on a limited edition Cheerios box in 2009 honoring disabled veterans in sports
- US Navy veteran (Naval aviator) and life member Paralyzed Veterans of America
- Director, No Barriers USA
- Founder and Chief Thinker, Scratching Post Communications
- Recipient of the 2011 Tufts University Athletics Distinguished Achievement Award
- Organizer, Face of America. Cross country cycling journey to celebrate America's diversity in 2000

For more information on Savicki, please visit his personal website at [www.mikesavicki.com](http://www.mikesavicki.com).