



AMONG THE FINISHERS THE FREEDOM TEAM

The Achilles Track Club Freedom Team, a group of disabled runners who served in the armed forces, had 28 athletes competing in the New York City Marathon yesterday — and all finished, including Jonathan Holsey, who lost his left leg in a bombing in Iraq less than a year ago. After his handcycle broke down at Mile 13, Holsey ran and walked the rest of the way; he finished in 5 hours 42 minutes 56 seconds.

Most of the team members were veterans of the war in Iraq; others served in Vietnam and Bosnia.

The club provided transportation to New York, and the

city's Fire Department and Fire Family Transport Foundation provided transportation throughout the week.

"What the Fire Department and Fire Family Transport Foundation did was absolutely incredible," said the team's coach, Mary Bryant. "If you can imagine the logistics and difficulty in getting 28 amputees around this city — I can't explain how great they were."

Bryant and 18 of the runners were photographed Saturday at the Soldiers', Sailors', Marines' and Airmen's Club, a hotel in Manhattan for members of the armed forces.

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Clockwise from near right: Matthew Proffitt, Kevin Pannell, Denis Viau, David Rozelle, Dustin Tuller, John J. Devine, Jack Farley, Mary Bryant, Monica Szymanski, Roman Guitard, Daniel Metzdorf, Carla D. Best, Leslie Smith, Derrick Wallace, Jonathan Holsey, Joseph Bowser, Melissa Stockwell, John Keith, Andrew Butterworth.

