

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE PATIENT AT A TIME

## Joern's Breakthrough Dolphin<sup>®</sup> Technology Helps a Wounded Hero

Joe has been living with paraplegia for 35 years, yet he leads a more active lifestyle than most men his age. Confined to his wheelchair, he enjoys fishing, casino visits and trips to the beach, as well as participating in the National Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Wheelchair Games in archery, bowling, field events and shooting.



**"The Dolphin's been a lifesaver for me. It's made me back into the person I used to be 20 years ago."** – JOE, 59-YEAR-OLD U.S. AIR FORCE VETERAN

While returning from the PVA Games in Spokane, Joe's skin was so sensitive that he suffered a very severe skin tear while being transferred into his airplane seat.

Once home, Joe was immediately admitted for skin damage treatment and was confined to bed for 22 to 23 hours per day. His physician told him the best he could hope for in the future would be a maximum of four hours per day not confined to a bed. This news devastated Joe and placed this active veteran into an almost immediate state of depression. He wasn't sure he still wanted to live.

### SOLUTION

Fortunately, a therapist suggested Joe try the Dolphin Fluid Immersion Simulation<sup>®</sup> (FIS) wheelchair cushion. Turns out it may have been a lifesaver. The Dolphin (FIS) cushion has allowed Joe to spend an average of eight to 10 hours per day out of bed. He has no skin issues, and his overall physical and mental condition have improved so much that he now "has something to live for." In Joe's words, "The Dolphin wheelchair cushion allows me greater freedom and an active life." He has returned to the casino, bowling, fishing, trips to the beach and his PVA Game participation.