

Howard Orthotics & Prosthetics Makes Headlines in NY - and Around the U.S.

HOP Helps Move Forward Public Access to Bionic Prosthetics



HOP and one military patient have helped give amputees throughout the United States access to a revolutionary product: a bionic knee joint.

Over the past year, Army Officer Roy Mitchell, who lost his leg while serving in Afghanistan, has been beta testing a military-grade automated knee through Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC). After glowing results, a version of the knee has been approved by the FDA for distribution to the civilian population as the Otto Bock "Genium."

Roger travelled to WRAMC to get in on the ground floor for this study.

Howard Orthotics & Prosthetics has continued to help Roy with the help of WRAMC to continue his care and have adjustments made to this new knee in Watertown. With Fort Drum within the range of HOP's service area, there are many injured soldiers who need access to this type of equipment. The medical team at Walter Reed Hospital, where Mitchell recovered from his injuries, saw Roger's enthusiasm for advancing access to revolutionary products for soldiers and other amputees as the perfect fit for helping to beta test the bionic knee.

The computerized knee learns to respond to the speed at which the wearer is walking, and a handheld wireless computer lets the wearer have even more control. "You can control the rate that a person is able to sit, you can control the rate at which the knee will buckle going down an incline, and you can also control the rate at which it comes forward," Roger Howard told a news crew from Time Warner Cable's YNN that came to the HOP offices to cover the release of the Otto Bock Genium. You can see the interview in its entirety by clicking on the "News" tab on the HOP website, howardrehabcenter.com.

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ROGER HOWARD**

**HOP AT THE CUTTING
EDGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**October's Movie
Ticket Winners:**

Betty B.

Ann S.

Mildred B.

Somewhere in this newsletter there is a misspelled word. The first 10 patients to find and call us at 315-786-8973 will WIN a pair of movie tickets!

(Please Note: Contest winners must wait 3 months before being eligible to enter again.)

**October's Misspelled Word:
"enpoy"**



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CNN Interviews Roger Howard about the Impact of Living in a Military Community



An end-of-summer interview of Roger Howard by CNN showed more than HOP's practical commitment to helping soldiers. The interview allowed Roger to talk about how Howard Orthotics & Prosthetics wants to make a positive impact in a practical way in peoples' lives.



The piece produced by CNN is about the how the military population is integrated into Watertown and surrounding regions, and how the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have impacted all citizens of northern New York because the community

Images are from the CNN interview. You can watch the interview in its entirety on our website.

has so whole-heartedly embraced their military neighbors.

Roger Howard says in the interview, "It's pretty real, as far as your emotions and things of that nature. These men and women that come in to our facility, they're fathers, they're brothers, they're sisters. They're wonderful people that have their lives significantly altered. The young soldiers who come back are extremely motivated. They're really striving to maintain their lifestyle prior to the war."

You can watch Roger's interview and the entire CNN piece by clicking on the "News" tab on the HOP Website, www.howardrehabcenter.com.