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PORT TOWNSEND, Washington – Follow U.S. Army Special Operations Veteran, Josh Collins, who is a disabled veteran, as he competes in the grueling 750-mile race to Alaska. This is an effort to raise awareness for Veteran suicide as well as secure funding for 14 military charities that actively support research and treatment for PTSD and TBI.

Former Army Special Operations Operator Josh Collins first set his sights high during Operation Phoenix, paddling nearly 2,700 miles on a Stand-Up Paddle Board from Corpus Christi, Texas to New York City over 5 months in 2016. (www.veteranvoyage360.com) Josh has a new mission, and it is Connection...Connection is the Cure!

The purpose of his trip is to raise awareness for TBI, PTSD and the 22 veterans a day who commit suicide, while at the same time raise money for the 14 non-profit groups listed on the Operation Torrent website (www.operationtorrent.com) The organizations support veterans with TBI and PTSD. Josh credits many of these same organizations for helping to save his life, saying they provided for his family while he was hospitalized, and helped him find treatment options for traumatic brain injury that allowed him to stop his reliance on a cocktail of prescription drugs.

The race began June 14, 2018, at 5:00 a.m., in Port Townsend, Washington, with 39 participants and will conclude in Ketchikan, Alaska. Collins has spent the last year training and set a goal to finish this race in less than 22 days to bring attention to the staggering 22-a-day Veteran suicide statistic; through extreme conditions, with no support, and an 85% chance of encountering killer Orca whales at sea and Grizzly Bears on land, Josh knows he is ultimately battling himself.

Also on the waterway is RedLux Productions. The film crew, led by Four Time Emmy Award winning Director, Matthew JC, is following Josh Collins to document the event, the background and how Josh is using Operation Torrent to make a positive contribution to Veteran lives.

The Movie is set to release around Veterans Day 2018. The RedLux team is also doing a daily live broadcast of the adventures and behind the scenes of this journey. You can follow his progress in real-time at the following links: <https://www.operationtorrent.com>; <https://www.facebook.com/operationtorrent>; <https://followthepaddle.org>.

We encourage your media outlet to follow the story and would like to invite your news or radio stations to do an exclusive interview with Josh Collins and the RedLux Productions film crew. <http://www.operationtorrent.com>

Please RSVP with the contacts below who will coordinate with you directly

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VIDEOS:

<https://youtu.be/ykdmM-c223s>

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