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On December 17, 2015, Oceanside resident Daniel Litzenberg will receive a life-changing gift through the generous donations of his fellow Americans from the non profit organization, The Independence Fund.

Litzenberg served in the Marine Corps from 1988 - 1992 and is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in 2006 which was later determined to have been service related. In 2007, Litzenberg became disabled by the progression of MS.

Litzenberg and his wife of 20 years live in Oceanside where they are active in their local church and are raising their 14 year old son. Litzenberg enjoys being active and participates in Wheelchair Tennis San Diego matches.

Since requiring the use of a wheelchair, however, he has missed many of the outdoor activities that he was used to. Litzenberg was drawn to his chosen field of Geology in large part because of the outdoor activity and the exploration of rock formations - something he is currently unable to do. Litzenberg and his family have always enjoyed spending time on the beach, but his wheelchair can not handle the sand.

Recently, Litzenberg was introduced to The Independence Fund by a fellow veteran. The Independence Fund's Mobility Program provides disabled veterans the chance to get back outside so that they can enjoy the outdoors through a variety of devices that include all terrain wheelchairs and adaptive bicycles.

Litzenberg applied for a device and was approved. Given the option of several different devices, he chose the Zoom. "Once I saw what the Zoom could do, I thought, 'that's the mobility device that I want'", Litzenberg explained.

The Zoom is one of the world's lightest and smallest electric all terrain vehicles made by Swedish company Zoomability. Litzenberg's new Zoom will be delivered in time for Christmas by Zoom Ambassador Diego Hurtado who is himself a veteran and the recipient of a Zoom through Independence Fund.

Litzenberg is really looking forward to being able to join his family on the beach again and to getting back out on the trails that he enjoys so much. "I used to go on hikes... when I saw the Zoom and saw I could do that (again), that narrowed down the choice to Zoom for me because it seemed like it could do a lot more of the types of off road activities that I was interested in as well as being able to do deep sand," Litzenberg said.

For more information on The Independence Fund, visit [www.independencefund.org](http://www.independencefund.org). To learn more about the Zoom, visit [www.zoomability.com](http://www.zoomability.com).