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CDR Tom Cooper is Newest First Volley Tennis Instructor

February 23, 2011 – Waterloo, Iowa – Tom Cooper of Waldorf, Maryland is the newest First Volley Tennis Instructor. Tom is the eighth certified First Volley instructor for the premier adaptive tennis program of OPAF & The First Clinics. Tom brings over twenty-five plus years of tennis experience to First Volley.

CDR Thomas Cooper is an active duty officer in the US Coast Guard and a 1994 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, where he was captain of the tennis team and a nationally ranked player. Tom is currently stationed in the Office of Aeronautical Engineering at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. In 2009 Tom was inducted into the United States Coast Guard Academy's prestigious Hall of Heroes for his rescue efforts of 157 people during Hurricane Katrina, including the first rescue over the city of New Orleans. He holds a Master of Science degree in Systems Engineering from John Hopkins University.

Cooper and his wife, Lynne are the proud parents of two daughters, Mary Kate (10) and Caroline (2). Mary Kate was born missing her fibula and is a below knee amputee who enjoys soccer, tennis and swimming. Tom is also a recent cancer survivor.

Tom and Mary Kate recently led the First Volley Adaptive Tennis for the Shriners Hospital for Children No Limits Sports Day in Tampa. Over twenty five Shriners Kids were put through their paces of adaptive tennis skills and drills for a morning session. OPAF First Volley Tennis Clinics for Shriners Hospitals across the country are made possible through grant funding from USTA Serves.

“We are thrilled to have Tom join the First Volley family as both a tennis teaching professional and as a parent. He brings both his enthusiasm for the game as well as a love and understanding for the physically challenged population. We are honored to have someone of his stature on our team of professional teachers and coaches,” Robin Burton, OPAF Executive Director.

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