

# **Team USA and Team Toyota's Rico Roman captures gold medal in the Paralympic Winter Games' final day of competition**

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**PYEONGCHANG, South Korea** – Team USA and Team Toyota athlete Rico Roman captured a gold medal during the closing day of Paralympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 on Sunday, March 18.

Roman, a forward for Team USA's sled hockey team, helped Team USA defeat Canada in the gold medal match to claim his second gold medal with the team.

The retired United States Army staff sergeant and Purple Heart Recipient had his left leg amputated above the knee after he was badly wounded by an IED during his third tour in Iraq in 2007. Roman began playing sled hockey in 2008 after being introduced to the sport through Operation Comfort, an organization dedicated to assisting injured U.S. service personnel at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. He later made his Paralympic Winter Games debut in 2014, when he and his Team USA teammates captured the gold medal in Sochi, Russia.