

PRESS RELEASE

WILLIAM H. SEWARD'S GREAT (5TH) GRAND NIECE TO RUN ALASKA'S "LAST GREAT RACE"

Deb "Danny" Glenn, William H. Seward's descendant has been in training since last year to prepare for next year's 2006 Iditarod. She plans on dedicating her race to "The Power and Potential of the Human Spirit" by dividing up the 1,100 mile race into seven segments, citing "great things come in sevens, the pillars of knowledge, stations of the cross, summits and wonders of the world". Each frontier segment will focus on part of her theme, and she has named them: The Pioneering Spirit, Entrepreneurial Spirit, Competitive Spirit, Spirit of Giving, Spirit of Survival, Spirit of Adventure and the Spirit of Freedom.

To kick-off her race, she is in Anchorage not only to cheer on her trainer, world-renowned veteran Iditarod musher, John Barron, but to pal up with her friend, NASA Astronaut, Mary Ellen Weber. Glenn says "two pioneer women" will highlight the first segment of her race, "'The Pioneering Spirit': The Final Frontier and The Last Frontier: Discover Your Mission". Together they hope to raise appreciation and awareness for the "LAST GREAT RACE", where Glenn says "I've seen in the eyes of mushers and their beloved dogs that they have seen what others haven't, that they have been through something that required them to reach deep inside themselves to survive, a symbiotic relationship in that they both love what they do and need each other to do it. I think it's as close to experiencing the oneness with nature, the oneness with animals and the oneness with God that you can get. It's very raw." The dedication comes in as they simultaneously seek to raise awareness and appreciation for space travel and research, because opportunities for the betterment of humankind are unique in space.

Each of musher, Deb "Danny" Glenn's frontier journey segments will focus on an altruistic goal, and she shares that scripture gives her the supports for each idea: "The Competitive Spirit", 2Timothy 1:6, where she hopes to promote the Special Olympics and athletics for the physically challenged, and "The Spirit of Giving", Matthew 10:8, giving the gift of life through organ donation and post-in vitro embryonic donation, and "The Spirit of Freedom", John 14:27 freedom from intolerance, freedom from illiteracy, and freedom from spousal and child abuse. She hopes to team up with the American Cancer Society as her focus through "The Spirit of Survival", and hopes Lance Armstrong will show up on the trail to cheer her on.

"Hope, faith and love are what I'm about. My strength is my compassion. I get my 'iron will' from my parents, and my hope from the faces of my children."