

# Thomas Charles Walsh

U.S. Paralympics Alpine Skiing National A Team  
Top Ranked U.S. Standing Male Athlete  
2018 Winter Paralympian



U.S. Paralympic Team athlete and U.S. National Champion **Thomas Walsh**, age 23, turned his grueling struggle with cancer in his early teens into the conquering of mountains, including some of the steepest slopes around the globe. Growing up in Vail, CO, his talent in winter sports was already putting him in the circle of elite athletes, but at age 14 when he was diagnosed with Ewings sarcoma, he had to focus his efforts to save his own life. The numerous after-effects of his treatments have left him physically challenged with nerve damage, a limping gait, and the life-long management of lymphedema. Mentally, however, the competitor remains, using his talent and discipline to continue skiing and inspire others.



Thomas proudly supports the **Lymphedema Treatment Act (H.R.930/S.497)**, introduced by Reps. Dave Reichert (R-WA), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Leonard Lance (R-NJ), and Jan Schakowsky (D-IL);

as well as Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA). His first-hand experience with lymphedema has been a challenge – more so than many of the other after-effects of the cancer treatment. Managing the swelling and staying active are essential to a healthy existence. Compression garments are key to maintaining a healthy life. The more he has learned about other cancer survivors with these same challenges, and others who were born with lymphedema, the more he is driven to speak out.

## Highlights/Achievements:

2017 Colorado Snowsports Hall of Fame's Adaptive Athlete of the Year Award  
2018 Winter Paralympics Alpine Skiing: SL - 5th, GS - 7th, SG - 13th  
Three-time U.S. Paralympics Alpine Skiing National A Team member  
Two-time World Para Alpine Skiing World Cup winner  
Twelve-time World Para Alpine Skiing World Cup podium finisher  
Multi-discipline U.S. National Champion

## Media:

[2018 Winter Paralympics Featured Athlete -- Lester Holt](#)  
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*“There is nothing in my life that I love more than ski racing. The freedom that I get on my skis is incomparable to any other feeling. My struggles have taught me to appreciate everything in my life and showed me that with hard work, dedication, and undivided passion, anything is possible.”*

-Thomas Charles Walsh