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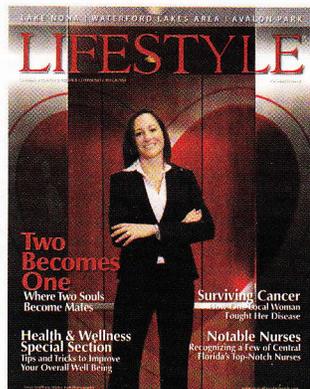
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Keeping Cool

Dan Rini makes the transition from athletics to science and makes it his mission to help military personnel.

By Matt Bendell & Tarre Beach

From the chilly, pristine lakes of the Canadian landscape to the balmy, bogs and marshes of Central Florida, East Orlando's Dan Rini has come a long way. And during the journey he developed a device to help those who need it most go from Florida hot to Canadian cool and vice versa.

Rini is part of a team that developed personal cooling systems and is currently working on a heating system for military personnel and first responders to keep cool or warm so they can do their jobs and keep people safe.

It all began when Rini came to Orlando on a waterskiing scholarship at the University of Central Florida (UCF) from his home in Canada more than 10 years ago. While at UCF he earned three degrees including a doctorate in mechanical engineering. Even though he spent a lot of his college years being the best competitive water skier he could be, his passion was always science. Now Rini is proud to be contributing to East Orlando's military technology and training industry.

Once Rini received his degrees he hit the ground running and went to work with his team on developing thermal energy storage, evaporative spray cooling and miniature refrigeration systems through his company Rini Technologies. These cutting-edge technologies were created to help military and first responders in extreme weather conditions, something he himself could sort of relate to, coming from the cold climate of Canada to the hot summers of Central Florida.

In May of 2000, Rini and his team won a government military contract for their patented miniature cooling system called Micro Climate Cooling System or MCCS.

According to Rini, the MCCS is the size of a water bottle that circulates cool water on the wearer. "It acts like a personal air conditioner," says Rini. Running



Dan Rini at his office holds the patented military cooling system he developed.

MATT BENDELL

on batteries, the device can be worn under clothes and protective equipment. Rini says MCCS is the smallest, lightest and most efficient personal cooling solution yet developed. The main objective of the device is to mitigate heat stress and health risk concerns by managing core body temperatures and decreasing the risk of dehydration. The device's purpose is not just to make the wearer more comfortable. The main objective is that it will help personnel maintain their cognitive skills and increase their operational effectiveness

and health safety. Currently, Rini is also developing a heating system that can be used by military scuba divers in cold-water applications.

Rini's engineering work has enabled him to serve on a number of boards in Central Florida. One such invitation was to be on the board of Florida First Robotics Competition, which was a great honor for Rini.

Rini also serves on the UCF Research Foundation, the UCF Department of Mechanical Engineering Industrial Advisory Board and the Orlando Chamber of Commerce. "Dan has continually volunteered his leadership and is an invaluable asset to our community," says **Leslie Hielema**, chamber president.

Apart from his many community service endeavors, Rini enjoys spending time with his wife **Katrina**, the chair of East Orlando Chamber of Commerce's Visioning Committee, and their newborn son **Luke**. Although they have a lot on their plates, the Rinis are still committed to continuing to be active in their East Orlando community. Together they look forward to helping make East Orlando a growing, thriving place to live and do business. **LD**

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