

2015 ARMY TEAM



WARRIOR TRANSITION COMMAND
SOLDIER SUCCESS THROUGH FOCUSED COMMITMENT

2014 WARRIOR GAMES



Chairman's Cup Champions

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LETTER FROM THE WTC COMMANDER

Dear Warrior Games Participants, Supporters and Spectators:

The 2015 Warrior Games begin Friday, June 19, 2015, as wounded, ill and injured athletes representing all branches of the military compete for the gold at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. First, congratulations to all of the athletes selected to participate in this year's Warrior Games. These Soldiers, Marines, Seamen, Airmen and Veterans continue to demonstrate their skills, athleticism, strength, courage and resilience. This year's Ambassadors are also shining examples of where this program can lead. Sergeants Rob McIntosh and Elizabeth Wasil have rallied their success at past Warrior Games into today being designated as World Class Athletes.

The Army is proud of the 40 Soldiers and Veterans representing this year's Army team. I am inspired by their courage, motivated from their strength and captivated by their resilience. Please take a moment to read more about these incredible athletes in their biographies included in this book. Their journey, commitment and service continue today and they serve as role models of courage, character, and the Army Soldier spirit.

I encourage you to pause for a moment to think about the purpose of the Warrior Games. Warrior Games demonstrate military values instilled in our athletes. The games electrify the motto, "I WILL NEVER QUIT!" Our Adaptive reconditioning program promotes an array of activities for recovering warriors to promote physical and emotional recovery. Thanks to the dedicated staff throughout the services, we are able to incorporate activities such as, archery, biking, cooking, yoga, aquatic exercises, human optimization, plus more. Adaptive reconditioning programs at Warrior Transition Units across the country embody spiritual, emotional, Family, physical, social and career in line with the Soldier's Comprehensive Transition Plan (CTP).

**"THE STRENGTH OF OUR NATION IS OUR
ARMY; THE STRENGTH OF OUR ARMY IS OUR
SOLDIERS; THE STRENGTH OF OUR SOLDIERS IS
OUR FAMILIES."**

Gen. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army

As the Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno said, "The strength of our Nation is our Army; the strength of our Army is our Soldiers; the strength of our Soldiers is our Families." On behalf of the U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to all athletes competing in the 2015 Warrior Games. Army Leadership remains committed to supporting and advocating for our wounded, ill and injured warriors who sacrifice so much for our Nations protection and freedoms.

In conclusion, I have observed our extraordinary Army team and convinced we are in it to win it. We have amazing athletes and coaches that demonstrate strength, athleticism, and team work every day. Army athletes, during Warrior Games, we are confident that you will deliver your very best performance. Best of Luck to all of the Athletes! Remember, we are not here just to participate, we are here to win!

Army Strong!

Sincerely,
Chris R. Toner
Colonel, US Army
Assistant Surgeon General for Warrior Care
and Transition and Commander
Warrior Transition Command



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 18 – 28, 2015

JUN 18 (THU)	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Warrior and Family Transition Fair	Lejeune Field Tent
JUN 19 (FRI)		
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Opening Ceremony*	NMMC*
JUN 20 (SAT)		
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Wheelchair Basketball Seeded Games	Barber Gym ⁺
JUN 21 (SUN)		
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Cycling Race and Medals	Lejeune Hall Lot
5:00 - 8:00 PM	Wheelchair Basketball Playoffs	Barber Gym
JUN 22 (MON)		
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Archery Competition and Medals	Lejeune Field Tent
6:00 – 9:00 PM	Wheelchair Basketball Playoffs	Barber Gym
JUN 23 (TUE)		
8:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Field Competition	Barnett Field
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Wheelchair Basketball Finals and Medals	Barber Gym
4:00 – 9:00 PM	Track Competition and Medals	Buller Stadium
JUN 24 (WED)		
	Capitol Hill Day	Washington, DC
JUN 25 (THU)		
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Sitting Volleyball Seeded Games	Barber Gym ⁺
JUN 26 (FRI)		
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Shooting Competition and Medals	Lejeune Field Tent
6:00 - 9:00 PM	Sitting Volleyball Playoffs	Barber Gym
JUN 27 (SAT)		
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Swimming Competition and Medals	Freedom Aquatics
6:00 - 9:00 PM	Sitting Volleyball Playoffs	Barber Gym
JUN 28 (SUN)		
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Wheelchair Rugby Exhibition	Barber Gym
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Sitting Volleyball Finals and Medals	Barber Gym
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Closing Ceremony	Butler Stadium

* National Museum of the Marine Corps

⁺ No spectator seating; watch live at Lejeune Field Tent
Current as of May 31 2015; subject to change

WARRIOR GAMES OVERVIEW

The Warrior Games showcase the resilient spirit of today's wounded, ill and injured (WII) Service Members from all branches of the U.S. military. These athletes prove that life can continue after sustaining a wound or injury, or becoming ill.

Since 2010, hundreds of WII Service Members and Veterans have competed at the Warrior Games, a unique partnership between the Department of Defense (DoD) and U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympic Military Program. Athletes representing the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Special Operations compete for gold in each of following sports:

Archery	Swimming
Cycling	Track and Field
Shooting	Wheelchair Basketball
Sitting Volleyball	

CHAIRMAN'S CUP

The Chairman's Cup is awarded to the top overall performing service branch at the Warrior Games. Points are awarded based on top scores in each event or team sport. A weighted formula has been developed to compensate for the different team sizes across all branches of the U.S. military.

ULTIMATE CHAMPION

The Ultimate Champion is a pentathlon style event that pits warriors from each service against each other in a variety of disciplines. Points are earned in cycling, field, shooting, swimming and track, with the athlete collecting the most points crowned Ultimate Champion of the Warrior Games.

ADAPTIVE SPORTS AND RECONDITIONING AT ARMY WARRIOR TRANSITION UNITS

Warrior Games is the pinnacle event of the adaptive sports and reconditioning component of the Warrior Care and Transition Program (WCTP). Soldiers and Veterans recovering at Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) across the country incorporate adaptive reconditioning into their personalized recovery plans, connecting physical activity with each component of rehabilitation: physical, emotional, spiritual, social, Family and career. Adaptive reconditioning activities are linked to a variety of benefits for recovering service members, such as reduced stress and dependency on medication, increased mobility and higher achievement in education and employment.

2015 WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE VOICES

"I thoroughly love my job helping Wounded, Ill, and Injured Soldiers with their rehabilitation."

– Sgt. 1st Class Samantha Goldenstein

"Warrior Games is something that makes us feel like we have a mission again, something to compete for, and that's worthwhile."

– Cpt. Frank Barroquero (Veteran)

U.S. ARMY WARRIOR CARE AND TRANSITION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command (WTC) is the lead proponent for the Warrior Care and Transition Program (WCTP), which evaluates and supports wounded, ill and injured (WII) Soldiers through a comprehensive, Soldier-centric process of medical care, rehabilitation, professional development and achievement of personal goals.

WTUs: One of the major elements of the WCTP is the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) system. WTUs provide command medical management assistance to Soldiers as they navigate the Army's medical treatment system to successfully reintegrate back into the force or transition from the Army. WTUs are located at major military treatment facilities (MTFs) across the country. Soldiers whose medical situation allows may receive the same services at a Community Care Unit (CCU), while recovering at home through the TRICARE network with the support of their Families and communities.

AW2: Another integral component of the WCTP is the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2). AW2 assists severely WII Soldiers, Veterans and their Families throughout their recovery and transition. Through the local support of an AW2 Advocate, AW2 strives to foster the Soldier's independence. Soldiers who qualify for AW2 are assigned to the program as soon as possible after arriving at the WTU.

Triad of Care: Each WTU Soldier benefits from a Triad of Care, comprised of a squad leader, nurse case manager and primary care manager. The Triad surrounds the Soldier and his/her Family with comprehensive care and support, all focused on the wounded warrior's sole mission: to heal.

CTP: All Soldiers in the WCTP create a Comprehensive Transition Plan (CTP). The CTP is a six-part multidisciplinary process that includes an individual recovery plan, which the Soldier customizes and builds with the support of his/her Triad of Care and Family. The CTP is a dynamic, living plan of action that focuses on the Soldier's goals.

Career: One domain of the CTP is career. Soldiers set short-term and long-term career goals and identify opportunities to enhance existing skills or develop new ones based on the Soldier's transition track, whether it is remaining in the Army or transitioning from the Army to civilian status. This includes continuing education and participating in internships.

Medical: The WCTP ensures that Soldiers have access to medical care and adaptive reconditioning to help Soldiers achieve their health, fitness, wellness, and resilience goals. WTUs assist Soldiers in understanding and maneuvering through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES), which includes the Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) and Physical Evaluation Board (PEB). This process determines whether or not WII Soldiers can continue to perform their duties with their medical condition(s).

SFAC: Families are an integral part of the WCTP. Soldier and Family Assistance Centers (SFACs) are located at all WTUs to serve Soldiers and their Families. The SFACs offer personalized assistance, including support with finances, careers, education and transition out of the Army.

The many facets of the WCTP combine to provide the best recovery and transition possible for the Army's WII Soldiers and their Families.

WARRIOR GAMES ARCHERY ATHLETES

Staff Sgt. Thomas Ayres (V)

Cpt. Frank Barroquero (V)

Spc. Laurel Cox (V)

Spc. Sydney Davis

Sgt. Colten Harms

Sgt. Sean Hook (V)

Spc. Chasity Kuczer

Staff Sgt. Monica Martinez

Staff Sgt. Billy Meeks (V)

Cpl. Jasmine Perry

Archery is a combined sport with both men and women participating equally. Compound Open, Recurve Open, Team Compound and Team Recurve are the four events included in the competition. The difference lies in the bows: a recurve is made of layers, a grip and a string, while compound uses a leveraging system.

Athletes shoot their arrows as close as possible to the center of a target, formed by 10 concentric circles. The outermost circle is worth one point, and the central one is worth 10. The closer to the central circle the arrow lands, the more points scored.

The top eight athletes in each individual event will move to the elimination (medal) round. The elimination round will be single elimination. Team members may compete against each other in the elimination round.

HEAD COACH

Jessie White

ASSISTANT COACH

Dan Govier



ARCHERY

WARRIOR GAMES ARCHERY COACH



HEAD COACH
Jessie White

Retired Staff Sgt. Jessie White shares a unique connection with the Warrior Games athletes he coaches: he is a wounded warrior and Warrior Games medalist himself. This shared experience inspired him to join the Army team once again—this time as the Archery coach.

White sustained severe injuries in Iraq in 2006. Finding recovery challenging, he attributes his physical and emotional improvement to participating in adaptive reconditioning sports and activities at the Army Warrior Transition Brigade at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

"It gave me other things to focus on other than my injuries," said White of participating in adaptive reconditioning activities. "It gave me a chance to continue as a competitive person and feel better about myself." White took that competitive drive to four Warrior Games, leaving the 2010 event with two silver medals in shot-put and sitting volleyball. He took home silver again in 2012, this time for archery.



A husband and father, White also draws inspiration from his family. "My wife and kids have been amazing in their support. They tell me all of the time how proud they are of me and that they know I can do anything," he said.

"To be able to coach is the next step in working with other wounded Soldiers and getting them involved in sports. They can continue to do things even though they're injured," said White. His next goal is to represent the United States in the 2016 Paralympics.



WARRIOR GAMES CYCLING ATHLETES

Staff Sgt. Ashley Anderson
Spc. Anthony Ateмон
Staff Sgt. Thomas Ayers (V)
Cpt. Steven Bortle
Cpt. Kelly Elmlinger
Staff Sgt. Randi Gavell (V)
Sgt. 1st Class Samantha Goldenstein
Staff Sgt. Sean Johnson (V)
Sgt. Kawaiola Nahale
Sgt. 1st Class Katie Kuiper
Spc. Stefan LeRoy
Staff Sgt. Monica Martinez
Staff Sgt. Andrew McCaffrey (V)
Cpl. Matthew Mueller
Staff Sgt. Eric Pardo (V)
1Lt. Christopher Parks
Sgt. Zedrik Pitts
Cpt. Will Reynolds (V)
CW3 Timothy Sifuentes
Sgt. 1st Class Mike Smith
Sgt. Nicholas Titman
Sgt. Ricardo Villalobos (V)

Cycling events include men's and women's bicycle open, handcycle, recumbent cycle, bicycle physical disability and tandem visually impaired. Courses vary from 10 – 30 km based on the category. Athletes are slotted into each of these categories based on their wound, illness or injury. Handcycles and recumbent bicycles have three wheels, whereas the open cycle and tandem bicycles have two wheels.

HEAD COACH

Joe Hydrick

CYCLING TECH

Si Wilson



WARRIOR GAMES CYCLING COACH



HEAD COACH
Joe Hydrick

In a broad sense, Coach Hydrick strives to inspire using a blend of tradition and progression to deliver the most effective coaching of his riders. This means shaping a “complete athlete” fundamentally by addressing all of the components of success. “Fitness, skills, form, mental game, motivation, and other factors all have an influence on your results, and all limiting factors need to be identified and improved,” said Hydrick.

Working with wounded, ill, and injured cyclists is both rewarding and engaging for Coach Hydrick. “It’s a fulfilling pursuit giving these athletes a chance to apply themselves and succeed both in process and performance,” said Hydrick. The high degree of work ethic and dedication these athletes bring to the table is an inspiration for Hydrick and pushes him to bring as much to the table as he can.

“Working in the adaptive cycling segment requires me to be constantly thinking ‘outside the box’ as each athlete has a very different situation.” Coach Hydrick believes the combination of a diagnostic mindset and a creative thinking process best serves each athlete individually and as a team. “I’m honored for the opportunity to coach Team Army’s Cycling squad and look forward to a successful 2015 DoD Warrior Games!”



WARRIOR GAMES SHOOTING ATHLETES

Cpt. Frank Barroquero (V)

Spc. Laurel Cox

Spc. Sydney Davis

Cpt. Kelly Elmlinger

Master Sgt. Rhoden Galloway (V)

Spc. Chasity Kuczer

Staff Sgt. Billy Meeks (V)

Shooting, a sport that requires concentration and focus, is divided into air pistol and rifle events. Athletes competing in either type of shooting fire at a distance of 10 meters. Medals for the shooting competition are based on the first round of 40 shots, scored 0.0-10.9. The final round has added pressure, as each shooter takes one shot at a time and their score is announced each time.

The athletes are given a specific category based on their physical abilities. Soldiers can shoot standing and/or prone. There are many devices and modifications that allow athletes with all types of physical limitations to participate.

HEAD COACH

Roger Withrow

ASSISTANT COACH

Ray Arredondo



SHOOTING

WARRIOR GAMES SHOOTING COACH



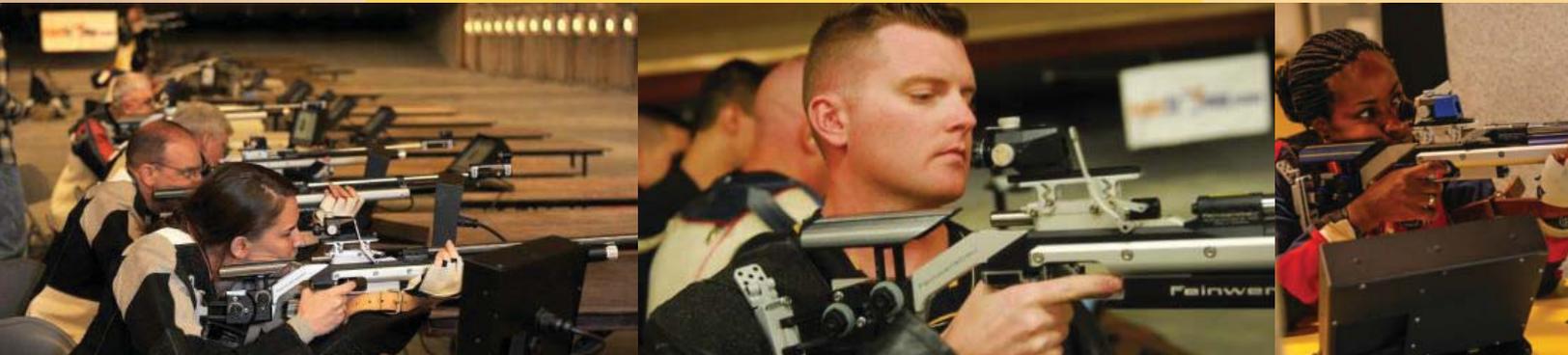
HEAD COACH
Roger Withrow

Coach Roger Withrow, Paralympic Gold Medalist and World Records holder in Shooting, has been coaching men and women Warriors of the United States for over thirty-four years. His coaching career includes all five military services as well as the Special Operations Command, from Patton's Brigade to the present day Warriors. "It's a great privilege to serve as a coach in all six of the Warrior Games." Coaching Olympic/Paralympic and Warrior athletes never ceases to amaze him. "The athlete's resilience and strength of the human body and mind can bear so much. The mountains of obstacles I have had the pleasure of witnessing is beyond belief and nothing except pure joy when I see their goals come to fruition. Their motivation to perform is inspirational and reinvigorating to all involved and has made myself a much better and healthier man both mentally and physically," remarked Withrow.



Withrow is ecstatic and greatly honored to be selected as a shooting coach for the 2015 Team Army's wounded, ill and injured (WII). "I hope to leave all of the Warrior with a work ethic to better themselves and a sense of self-worth and goal setting skills that can be used in both personal and business life. Knowing the simple fact that most anything can be accomplished no matter the degree of one's injury and paying that forward to our Warriors is truly a blessing," said Withrow. "As a coach, it's such a wonderful feeling to empower the Warrior athletes, helping them make the right choices on the range that will aid each of their successes in life."

Coach Withrow is honored for the incredible opportunity to pay forward coaching Team Army's shooting team for the 2015 DoD Warrior Games and is looking forward to a great performance from his team.



WARRIOR GAMES SITTING VOLLEYBALL ATHLETES

Spc. Dustin Barr (V)
Spc. Terry Cartwright
Spc. Sydney Davis
Staff Sgt. Randi Gavell (V)
Sgt. Sean Hook (V)
Sgt. Blake Johnson
Spc. Stephan LeRoy
Cpl. Matthew Mueller
Staff Sgt. Eric Pardo (V)
1Lt. Christopher Parks
Staff Sgt. Alexander Shaw (V)
Staff Sgt. Monica Southall (V)
Sgt. Patrick Timmins
Sgt. Nicholas Titman

The Warrior Games sitting volleyball tournament consists of five, 12-player teams with no substitutes. The five teams will represent the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Special Operations Command. The playing court for the sitting volleyball tournament is a rectangle measuring 10 x 6 meters. Athletes must have one "cheek" (gluteus maximus) in contact with the floor whenever they make contact with the ball.

All volleyball matches are played as best two out of three sets. Winners must score 25 points and have a two point advantage over their opponent. Each team will play four matches in a round-robin style. Teams will be seeded in the playoff according to results from the round robin tournament. Once seeded, the teams will play a five-team double elimination tournament. The winners of the semifinals will go on to the Gold Medal Game, while the other two will play in the Bronze Medal Game.

HEAD COACH
Uros Davidovic

ASSISTANT COACH
Linda Gomez



WARRIOR GAMES SITTING VOLLEYBALL COACH



HEAD COACH
Uros Davidovic

Coach Uros Davidovic was brought onboard last year for the Army Team Trials at the United States Military Academy at West Point,

New York. Since then, he has served as the head coach for the Army Team along with coaching the team last October at the Warrior Care Month Sitting Volleyball Tournament held at the Pentagon. Davidovic also attended the Northern Regional Medical Command (RMC) East and Southern RMC West regional trials at Fort Belvoir and Fort Hood, Texas in 2015.



Coaching the U.S. Army sitting volleyball team has been a



dream come true for Davidovic. "Coaching this team is a tremendous privilege. Being around men and women who have put their lives in harm's way for the greater good and safety of the United States. It is awe-inspiring and my honor to serve as the coach of their team," said Davidovic. Coach Davidovic loves being around the athletes because he believes they share a positive and highly driven outlook on life.

"Our preparation leading up to the Warrior Games will be second to no other team or individual competing and it is the goal of the coaching staff to ensure we are in the absolute best position to capture gold in sitting volleyball in June," said Davidovic.



WARRIOR GAMES SWIMMING ATHLETES

Staff Sgt. Ashley Anderson

Spc. Anthony Atemon

Spc. Dustin Barr (V)

Cpt. Kelly Elmlinger

Staff Sgt. Randi Gavell (V)

Master Sgt. Rhoden Galloway (V)

Sgt. Blake Johnson

Staff Sgt. Sean Johnson (V)

Sgt. Kawaiola Nahale

Spc. Chasity Kuczer

Spc. Stefan LeRoy

Staff Sgt. Monica Martinez

Sgt. 1st Class Michael McPhall

Cpl. Matthew Mueller

Staff Sgt. Eric Pardo (V)

1Lt. Christopher Parks

Staff Sgt. Timoth Payne (V)

Cpl. Jasmine Perry

Spc. Haywood Range

CW3 Timothy Sifuentes

Sgt. 1st Class Mike Smith

Sgt. Nicholas Titman

Sgt. Ricardo Villalobos

Warrior Games swimming competitions occur in an Olympic size 50-meter pool. While competing, athletes are not permitted to wear prostheses or assistive devices. There are five swimming events for men and women: 50 meter Freestyle, 50 meter Back Stroke, 50 meter Breast Stroke, 100 meter Freestyle, and 200 meter Freestyle Relay.

HEAD COACH

Bob Bugg

ASSISTANT COACH

Bobby Brewer



SWIMMING

WARRIOR GAMES COACH



HEAD COACH
Bob Bugg

Bob Bugg attended the University of Alabama from 1975-79 where he was a Southeastern Conference record holder; a three-year, five-time National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) All American, and competed on four, top ten NCAA team finishes while there. He was a 1980

Olympic Trial qualifier and ranked in the top ten of the world in the 200 meter freestyle. Bugg coached part time for 15 years, serving as head coach of his high school club from 1981-96. He had the pleasure of taking age group swimmers and developing them into elite level athletes that competed at Olympic Trials in 1988, 1992, and 1996. Bugg is an accomplished Masters swimmer with over 20 number one swims in the world since 1984 and broke three Master World Records in 2009.



This summer's games will mark his third Warrior Games competition serving the Army. Says Bugg, "I having thoroughly enjoyed imparting my knowledge of swimming and passing it along has been a privilege for me. These men and women are true competitors, having served our country, and their determination to overcome obstacles and compete against themselves and the other branches is a true inspiration to me. I am honored to work with each of these warriors as their fortitude is on display each day at practice and during the competition."



WARRIOR GAMES TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES

TRACK

Spc. Anthony Atemon
Cpt. Steven Bortle
Spc. Terry Cartwright
Cpt. Kelly Elmlinger
Staff Sgt. Randi Gavell (V)
Sgt. 1st Class Samantha Goldenstein
Staff Sgt. Sean Johnson (V)
Sgt. 1st Class Katie Kuiper
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Spc. Haywood Range (V)
Cpt. Will Reynolds (V)
Sgt. 1st Class Mike Smith
Sgt. Patrick Timmins
Sgt. Nicholas Titman

HEAD TRACK COACH

Rodney Carson

ASSISTANT TRACK COACH

Wayne Howard

FIELD

Staff Sgt. Ashley Anderson
Spc. Anthony Atemon
Spc. Dustin Barr (V)
Spc. Laurel Cox
Spc. Sydney Davis
Staff Sgt. Randi Gavell (V)
Sgt. Colten Harms
Sgt. Sean Hook (V)
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HEAD FIELD COACH

Scott Danberg

ASSISTANT FIELD COACH

Brad Fitchorn

Track—Once hearing the start command, “on your mark,” the athlete must hold steady and start when the gun fires. The Warrior Games track competition takes place outdoors, with indoor rules for inclement weather.

Men and women compete in separate categories in the four outdoor track events, including the 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter and 1500 meter. Every team is allowed to enter three competitors into each event.

The outdoor relay distance, 4 x 100 meter, is a combined event made up of four either male and/or female athletes. Each service branch is allowed to enter one team into the relay event.

Field—Athletes will compete in separate competitions for shot put and discus. The shot put event involves throwing/putting a heavy spherical implement in an attempt to mark a distance further than the competition. Discus is an event in which athletes throw a heavy disc, also attempting to reach as far as possible.

Depending on injury or illness, throwers may compete while sitting. Seated throwers are given one minute between each throw once the implement is handed to the competitor. Standing throwers are given one minute to begin a throw from the time the competitor's name is called.

TRACK AND FIELD

WARRIOR GAMES TRACK AND FIELD COACHES



HEAD TRACK COACH Rodney Carson

After competing in track at the collegiate, national and international levels, Rodney Carson understands firsthand the discipline of such a demanding sport. "Track is a great overall sport. You get what you put into it," said Carson. "It will kind of tell on you if you're not putting in the hard work and sweat." Carson said one of his favorite parts of coaching

is "seeing the change, not just physically, but also change in terms of building the athletes' self-confidence."

Coaching Soldiers and Veterans has been a particularly rewarding experience for Carson. "It makes me excited to see how they come together and witness the camaraderie," said Carson. "They realize they're not alone. When they get together, it empowers them." Carson encourages his athletes to keep the attitude, "Fall seven times, rise eight times," but he says the reminder is unnecessary. "That's the attitude these guys already have." Above all, Carson wants the wounded warriors he coaches to know that there is life after injury and illness. "Never let what you can't do interfere with what you can do."

Aside from coaching track, Carson has also trained athletes in baseball, football, basketball and kickboxing.



HEAD FIELD COACH Scott Danberg

Scott Danberg is an avid athlete, coach, wellness educator, and five-time Paralympian. Having first competed internationally in the 1988 Paralympic Games, he further represented Team USA in Paralympic, World Championships, and Parapan American Games, with podium

finishes in three throwing events; Javelin, Shot Put, and Discus as a class 40 (Dwarf) athlete. In his fifth Paralympic Games appearance, Danberg was elected Flag Bearer for the Opening Ceremonies of the 2012 London Paralympic Games.

The success Danberg had as an athlete is now channeled into coaching. When he was an athlete he never considered he would make the transition to coach. "Coaches work too hard," Danberg jokes, "As an athlete you eat, sleep, and perform, and once your training or competition is done you get to relax; but not coaches, they put in long full days." He began coaching in 2013 as a way to give back to his sport and better the performance of others by drawing on his own experience. Danberg recalls his first international coaching assignment. "When my athlete threw a personal best and made the podium, it was as rewarding as if I had earned it myself." He has been coaching full time ever since.

Danberg has trained and competed alongside military veterans since the 2008 Paralympic Games. He has now turned his attention to coaching Warrior Games. Danberg explains, "I'm appreciative of the commitment and dedication of the soldiers to want nothing less than personal best performances and to represent their respective divisions". Scott is as committed and dedicated as the soldiers themselves to their success. In addition to coaching, Scott is a wellness educator at the Pritikin Longevity Center, and an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University in Florida.



WARRIOR GAMES WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ATHLETES

Spc. Dustin Barr (V)

Spc. Terry Cartwright

Spc. Sydney Davis

Sgt. Blake Johnson

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Cpl. Jasmine Perry

Staff Sgt. Alexander Shaw (V)

Sgt. Nicholas Titman

The wheelchair basketball tournament will consist of five, ten-player teams. The five teams will represent the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Special Operations Command.

Each game has two 12-minute halves, with a 35-second shot clock. All teams must have a minimum of two players with lower limb impairments (e.g., spinal cord injuries, amputations, etc.) on the court at all times during the game.

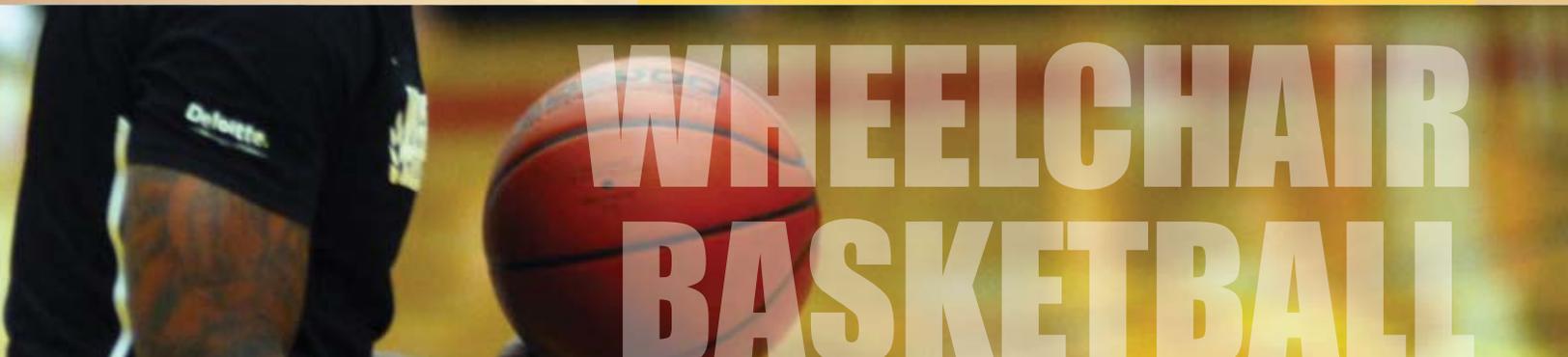
Wheelchair basketball rules are very similar to the NCAA rules, with a few adjustments. The chair is considered to be part of the body. For example, a player is out-of-bounds when any part of his/her body or wheelchair touches the floor or any object on or outside of a boundary line. To dribble, players must allow for one bounce of the ball for every two pushes of their wheelchair. Taking more than two pushes in a row is a traveling violation, and the other team receives the ball out-of-bounds.

HEAD COACH

Rodney Williams

ASSISTANT COACH

Lee Montgomery



WARRIOR GAMES WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL COACH



HEAD COACH
Rodney Williams

It takes years of experience and a vast understanding of a sport to be a coach. It is also known that a great team starts and ends with a great coach. Team Army is fortunate to have that coach this year to lead the wheelchair basketball team – Coach Rodney Williams.

Dating back to the early 1970's, Coach Williams has been a National Wheelchair Games record holder and named "Outstanding Athlete" of the 1974 National Wheelchair Games. Williams went on to compete and medal six times with the U.S. Paralympic Team as well as the U.S. Pan-American Wheelchair Team. It was at these games where Williams set two World Records in the 100 meter and 800 meter wheelchair sprints. Because of his stellar athletic career, Williams was asked to coach the U.S National Wheelchair Basketball Team in 1995.

Williams is in his fifth year coaching wheelchair basketball and it is his goal to help this year's team understand that having an illness or disability can be overcome and that each athlete's future is in their own hands. "When I meet a former athlete that I have coached, it is a tremendous feeling when they express thanks and explain to me how the Warrior Games and their coaches have helped them through tough times," said Williams.

Coach Williams resides in Los Gatos, California. He is a retired Medical Biochemist, but still works as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"I am honored and privileged to be a coach and mentor for Team Army. I am proud to have been given this great responsibility and to be a member of such an elite team."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Ashley Anderson

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Active Duty

CURRENT OCCUPATION

31E (Internment/Resettlement Specialist)

CURRENT UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion,
Fort Riley, Kansas

HOMETOWN

Winnebago, Minnesota

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Riley, Kansas

SCHOOL(S)

Minnesota State University
Rasmussen College

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not Specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not Specified

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Field, Cycling



Staff Sgt. Ashley Anderson was born in Fairmont, Minnesota and grew up in the small town of Winnebago, Minnesota. She attended high school in the nearby town of Blue Earth, MN where she excelled in multiple sports growing up to include basketball, track and field, volleyball and softball. She spent her time out of school teaching swim lessons and lifeguarding at the local

swimming pool. After high school, Staff Sgt. Anderson went on to college at Minnesota State University where she completed two years of General studies and then getting accepted into the Medical Assisting Program at Rasmussen College.

Staff Sgt. Anderson decided to serve her country and challenge herself by joining the Army Reserves in 2008 as a 31E (Internment/Resettlement Specialist).

She deployed on her first tour in 2012 to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with her original unit, the 348th Military Police (MP) Company out of Ames, Iowa. She deployed a second time to Guantanamo Bay



with her second unit, the 339th MP Company out of Davenport, Iowa. Anderson is currently assigned to B Company, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Staff Sgt. Anderson's love for sports, competitiveness and physical fitness has kept her involved in being active and on local sports teams. She plans on participating in sports and coaching for years to come.

“The opportunity to participate with other wounded soldiers is such an inspiration and something I will always remember.”



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Anthony Ateмон

RANK

Specialist

STATUS

Active Duty

CURRENT OCCUPATION

94A (Land Combat Electronic Missile System Repairer)

CURRENT WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

HOMETOWN

Decatur, Alabama

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

SCHOOL(S)

West Morgan High School

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Visually Impaired

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

2013

EVENT(S)

Cycling, Track, Field, Swimming



Spc. Anthony Ateмон was born in July of 1989 in Vallejo, California and graduated from West Morgan High School in Trinity, Alabama. He has always been involved in sports and during his high school career, he played football, basketball, and baseball. In 2009, Spc. Ateмон enlisted in the Army as a 94A (Land Combat Electronic Missile System Repairer). On January 28, 2013

he awoke with blurred vision and after subsequent testing found out he had an autoimmune disorder which affected his vision. He was assigned to the Fort Bragg Warrior Transition Battalion on May 6, 2013. In January of 2015, Spc. Ateмон tried out for the Warrior Games local trials at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and from there went to the Northern RMC Trials and Army Trials in Fort Bliss, Texas.

At the Army Trials, Spc. Ateмон medaled in the discus, shot put, and tandem cycling. He believes that participating in sports helps him fight for his independence, makes him feel normal and like he is different from anyone else. "I like to be a part of a team and something larger than himself."

Spc. Ateмон's future goal is to go back to college and major in sports psychology after transitioning from the Army so he can assist other wounded, ill and injured athletes.

"Do not let your disability define who you are, rather persevere through adversity to become the best version of yourself."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Thomas Ayers

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

FORMER OCCUPATION

92W (Water Treatment Specialist)

HOMETOWN

Cobb County, Georgia

CURRENT LOCATION

Clarksville, Tennessee

SCHOOL(S)

Not provided

INJURY OR ILLNESS

PTSD, Vertigo, Left ear bone implant

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Archery, Cycling



Staff Sgt. Thomas Ayers grew up in Cobb County, Georgia and joined the Army in Chattanooga, Tennessee, May of 1997. His basic training and advanced individual training (AIT) was at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri as a 62E (Heavy Construction Equipment Operator). Ayers has served with the 65th Engineers Sappers as a 14T (PATRIOT Launching Station Enhanced

Operator) with the 1/7 Air Defense Artillery and deployed with the 32nd Air Defense Command for the initial push into Iraq in 2002-2003.

He was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky to join 96th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) and reclassified as a 92W (Water Treatment Specialist). Once he arrived, Ayers was sent to Iraq where he was in a mortar attack. While trying to get accountability of his Soldiers, a mortar hit near him that took him off his feet. The explosion scarred the inside of his left ear creating a tumor that ate away from his ear bone, which later had to be taken out and replaced with an implant. Staff Sgt. Ayers deployed again with 96th ASB to Afghanistan, before realizing the damaging effect that had been done on his ear.

Staff Sgt. Ayers got a job working with Wounded Warriors at the Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. As time progressed, Ayers' ear got worse causing him vertigo and unable to do basic Soldier skill level tasks. Archery and cycling became his new passion along with the Wounded Warriors with whom he was working. He decided to try out for the Warrior Games at his local post and made it to regionals held at Fort Benning, Georgia. After doing so well, he made it to the Army Trials at Fort Bliss, Texas where he won Silver in recumbent cycling and Silver in recurve bow. Ayres received the Pride Award for motivating other athletes and showing a can do attitude. "I want nothing more than to honor my nation by showing that just because I have disability due to the war, I can continue to honor my country and inspire others to do the same," said Ayers. He is married with three boys and completed 18 years of service, before retiring due to medical issues.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Dustin Barr

RANK

Specialist

STATUS

Veteran

FORMER OCCUPATION

15F (Aircraft Electrician)

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

HOMETOWN

Jamesville, North Carolina

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Field, Swimming, Sitting Volleyball,
Wheelchair Basketball



Spc. Dustin Barr was born and raised in the small town of Jamesville, North Carolina. He left North Carolina soon after graduating high school to join the Army. He became a 15F (Aircraft Electrician) and worked on Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters.

Barr spent most of his time in the Army stationed with 412th Aviation Support Battalion in Katterbach, Germany. He began experiencing physical and mental changes in health and his future service in the military came to a halt. After flying back stateside, recovering, and finishing up his medical board at the Fort Bragg, Warrior Transition Battalion, Spc. Barr got licensed as a tattoo artist. He spends most of his time training for the Warrior Games, playing sports or in his shop doing what he loves.

Spc. Barr's short term goals mainly consist of two things: welcoming his soon to arrive newborn son and to improve in every event he participates in at the Warrior Games. "I want my family to have even more reason to hold their heads high and make them proud," said Barr. "My small town, family and church family have been 100% supportive of me. These games are my daily motivation to strive, succeed, and achieve what at one point seemed to be no more than a dream to me."



"Participating in track events helps me run faster, and if I can run faster, I can certainly walk faster. Learning how to walk again is a challenge, but I have a valuable support system."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Frank Barroquero

RANK

Captain

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

11A (Infantry Officer)

FORMER WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Community-Based Warrior
Transition Unit, Orlando, Florida

FORMER UNIT

48th Infantry Brigade
Combat Team, Georgia

HOMETOWN

Brick, New Jersey

CURRENT LOCATION

Gainesville, Georgia

SCHOOL(S)

Brick Memorial High School
University of Georgia – Athens

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Gunshot wound

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Afghanistan, 2009

EVENT(S)

Archery, Shooting



ARMY TEAM CO-CAPTAIN

Cpt. Frank Barroquero, last year's Team Army Captain, is returning to the Warrior Games as Team Army's Co-Captain with a refined sense of focus. Like many of the athletes, Barroquero has a routine to prepare for his archery and shooting competitions. "I make a routine with the coaches and use it as a script," he explained. "It takes

the tension in the room out." Barroquero has a routine card for each part of the process—one for setup, one for sighting and one for shooting.

He was not always certain he would be able to participate in sports again. While on assignment in Afghanistan as an Infantry Company Commander in 2009, Barroquero was shot in the arm during a fire fight. According to doctors, Barroquero's arm was supposed to be amputated three times. His doctor said he would never shoot again.

It was during his recovery when Cpt. Barroquero became interested in archery while watching a hunting show. One of his doctors told him he would never have the ability to shoot a bow. Three years later at the 2013 Warrior Games, he won a gold medal in archery. "The Warrior Games gave me the opportunity to once again have a mission," said Barroquero.

Barroquero's loved ones have also made his recovery easier. "My Family has been incredibly supportive with all the time it takes to prepare," he said.

Barroquero served as Team Army's captain for the 2014 Warrior Games.



"Archery helps prevent losing my range of motion because I keep using my arm."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Steven Bortle

RANK

Captain

STATUS

National Guard

MOS

25A (Signal Officer)

HOMETOWN

Pearl City, Hawaii

CURRENT LOCATION

Pearl City, Hawaii

SCHOOL(S)

Hawaii Pacific University

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Afghanistan 2013

EVENT(S)

Cycling, Track



Cpt. Steve Bortle was born in Rockledge, Florida and grew up in Titusville, Florida. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps directly after high school and was stationed in Hawaii. After serving six years of active duty, Cpt. Bortle got out of the Marines in 2000 and later joined the Army in December 2001.

Cpt. Bortle deployed in 2005 with the 442nd Infantry Regiment as the Battalion Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Non-Commissioned Officer. He later received a direct commission as a Signal Officer in 2007. In 2011, he attended Hawaii Pacific University where he received a B.A. in Anthropology. Cpt. Bortle deployed in 2012 with the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team as an Afghan Adviser and Signal Officer.

Cpt. Bortle was injured on his deployment in Afghanistan and since returning home has been determined to recover and better himself. After injury and post-surgery recovery, he has participated in a triathlon, the Honolulu Marathon and several other running races. Currently, Cpt. Bortle is training for the Honolulu Triathlon and a half Ironman in hopes to complete a full Ironman next year.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Terry Cartwright

RANK

Specialist

STATUS

Active

MOS

11B (Infantryman)

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion,
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

HOMETOWN

Safford, Arizona

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Belvoir, Virginia

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

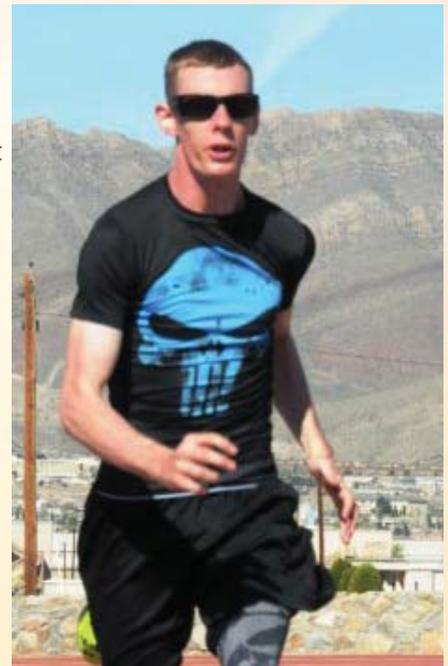
Track, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair
Basketball



Spc. Terry Cartwright is a very competitive athlete who sees every sport as a team sport, including track. Most consider track an individual sport, but for him “if you didn’t have your other teammates with you, who do you have to train with? Who is going to push you to get better?”

Spc. Cartwright also participates in wheelchair basketball and sitting volleyball. He enjoys the competitiveness of these sports, loves working with other athletes and enjoys seeing each other’s skills and what they can give to the team.

His life changed with a life threatening car accident and was told that he would never run again. As a runner, that hit Cartwright very hard. However, he was very determined to prove them wrong and is now way ahead of where he thought he would be. “I’m out to prove that it’s what you think you can do not what your doctors say you can do; you know yourself better than anyone.”



“I’m back to running track competitively, and I like to think that the Warrior Games gave me something to work towards, and think that running has saved my life.”



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Laurel Cox

RANK

Specialist

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

14E (PATRIOT Fire Control Enhanced Operator/Maintainer)

FORMER WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

HOMETOWN

Stanardsville, Virginia

SCHOOL(S)

Patrick Henry Community College

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Camp Carroll, South Korea

EVENT(S)

Archery, Field, Shooting



Spc. Laurel Cox was raised in Stanardsville, Virginia on her family's farm. She grew up participating in sports and 4-H, where she earned a 4-H All Star, the highest honor in the organization. Spc. Cox studied Agriculture Business at Patrick Henry Community College and then joined the Army on January 31, 2012. She completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and then completed

Advanced Individual Training as a 14E PATRIOT Fire Control Enhanced Operator/Maintainer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Spc. Cox was stationed at Camp Carroll, South Korea for 16 months where she was injured after a fall. (A prior assault had also left her with PTSD.) Spc. Cox was sent to the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) at Fort Belvoir, Virginia on December 3, 2013 to be medical boarded for her physical injuries.

At the WTU, Spc. Cox got involved in archery and this outlet gave her the motivation to get out of bed every day. She also enjoyed learning air rifle, shot put, and discus, which gave her a way to release her anger and frustrations.

Spc. Cox was medically retired for PTSD and her physical injuries. She now lives in Richmond, Virginia with her family on their farm. About her future, Spc. Cox says, "I am continuing to heal, transition, and work towards enjoying my future."



"Warrior Games has given me something to look forward to every day and given me something to work towards during my transition"



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Sydney Davis

RANK

Specialist

STATUS

Reserves

MOS

68K (Medical Laboratory Specialist)

HOMETOWN

Parker, Colorado

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Belvoir, Virginia

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Field, Archery, Shooting, Wheelchair Basketball, Sitting Volleyball



Spc. Sydney Davis was born and raised in Colorado, and sports have always held an important place in her life. In high school, she participated in shot put and discus and was a member of the basketball team. She joined the Army at the age of 17 as a 68K (Medical Laboratory Specialist).

Spc. Davis encourages others to strive to be the best they can be. "Pick up a hobby and get good at it. If you are good, get better. If you are the best, don't let anyone take that away from you. And how do you do that? Never stop training, practicing, and never give up on yourself."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Kelly Elmlinger

RANK

Captain

STATUS

Active

HOMETOWN

Attica, Ohio

CURRENT LOCATION

San Antonio, Texas

SCHOOL(S)

University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Synovial sarcoma tumor - left lower leg

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

2013

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Track, Cycling, Shooting



Cpt. Kelly Elmlinger, from Attica, Ohio, entered the military in 1998 and was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She deployed three times with 82nd Airborne Division in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom during her enlisted career. In 2010, Elmlinger graduated from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill with a Bachelor's of

Science in Nursing and was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. After her commission, Elmlinger cared for Wounded Warriors working on the orthopedic unit at Brooke Army Medical Center.

In 2013, Cpt. Elmlinger was diagnosed with a rare synovial sarcoma tumor in her left lower leg. She completed multiple limb salvage surgeries leaving her with loss of function in her leg and residual nerve damage. Currently, Cpt. Elmlinger has been in remission for two years.

Cpt. Elmlinger will complete her Master's Degree in Nursing Administration this September. She is a single parent to a beautiful and energetic six-year-old daughter. Additionally, Elmlinger aspires to make the National team in track and potentially a spot on the 2016 Paralympic Team.

For Cpt. Elmlinger, participating in the Warrior Games is a way to honor those service members lost on deployments.



“It is a privilege to be selected and represent Team Army. These games are a way for me to publically thank my family, friends and many others who supported me in restoring my health.”



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Randi Gavell

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

31B (Military Police)

FORMER WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Unit
Kaiserslautern, Germany

HOMETOWN

Grand Junction, Colorado

CURRENT LOCATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

SCHOOL(S)

Grand Junction High School, Colorado

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENTS TRAINING FOR

Swimming, Track, Field, Cycling,
Sitting Volleyball



Staff Sgt. Randi Gavell was born in Estes Park, Colorado and grew up in Grand Junction, Colorado. She joined the Army in 2004 after graduating from Grand Junction High School. She attended One Station Unit Training for Military Police at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri before being stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. After volunteering to fill an opening in an outlying platoon, she deployed out of Baumholder, Germany in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005. Upon her return from deployment, Gavell was stationed in Fort Huachuca, Arizona. While there, she was a member of the Military Police Special Reactions Team, the Fort Huachuca Army 10 Miler Team, and went to Lackland, Air Force Base where she trained and was certified to be a Traffic Management and Collision Investigator.

In 2009, Gavell was sent to the Warrior Transition Unit in Kaiserslautern, Germany. It was there that she was introduced to and found a passion for adaptive sports. Staff Sgt. Gavell was a member of Team Army for the 2010 Warrior Games where she received two gold medals in swimming and a silver medal in Sitting Volleyball. Later that same year she went thru the medical board process and was retired. She is now living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and hoping to obtain her degree as an Occupational Therapy Assistant to help others on their path to recovery. Since retiring, she has participated in several adaptive sports events, travels as much as possible, volunteers whenever she can, and is a member of a Veteran based Disaster Response Team.

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2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Samantha Goldenstein

RANK

Sergeant 1st Class

STATUS

Active

MOS

68P (Radiology Technologist)

HOMETOWN

Kansas City, Missouri

CURRENT LOCATION

St. Robert, Missouri

SCHOOL(S)

Winnetonka High School
University of Missouri
Grantham University

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Hip injuries, including bilateral femoral acetabular impingements with labral tear

EVENT(S)

Cycling, Track



ARMY TEAM CO-CAPTAIN

Sgt. 1st Class Samantha Goldenstein, Team Army Co-Captain, attended the University of Missouri-Columbia where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology and Nutrition. She then continued onto Grantham University and received her Master's in Business Admin-

istration. She enlisted in the Army Reserves in 2002 as a 68P (Radiology Technologist). Sgt. 1st Class Goldenstein deployed twice, once in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007 and then again in 2011 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She served as the Radiology Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge with the 325th

Combat Support Hospital in both deployments.



After her second deployment, Sgt. 1st Class Goldenstein stayed on active duty with the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where she received treatment for her hips and was first introduced to adaptive sports. She has continued cycling and it has become a large part of her life as well as part of the rehabilitation.

"I thoroughly love my job helping wounded, ill, and injured soldiers with their rehabilitation."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Colten Harms

RANK

Sergeant

STATUS

Reserve

MOS

31B (Military Police)

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion,
Fort Riley, Kansas

HOMETOWN

Britt, Iowa

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Riley, Kansas

SCHOOL(S)

West Hancock High School
Waldorf College

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Left knee; meniscus

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Afghanistan, 2014

EVENT(S)

Field, Archery



Sgt. Colten Harms was born November 16, 1988 in Mason City, Iowa and grew up in Kanahwa and Britt, Iowa. He graduated High School in 2007 from West Hancock High School in Britt, Iowa. Sgt. Harms attended Waldorf College for two years while being a member of both the football and wrestling teams. After enlisting in the Army in the fall of 2009, Sgt. Harms went to Basic Training at

Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

From 2010 to 2011, Sgt. Harms was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, working at the CONUS Replacement Center as part of the 875th Replacement Company from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

In 2014, Sgt. Harms served as a team leader while deployed with the 415th Military Police Detachment in Bagram, Afghanistan. There, Harms injured his left knee, tearing his meniscus, and is now recovering from surgery at the Warrior Transition Battalion in Fort Riley, Kansas.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Sean Hook

RANK

Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

11B (Infantryman)

HOMETOWN

Tyrone, Pennsylvania

CURRENT LOCATION

Summerville, South Carolina

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

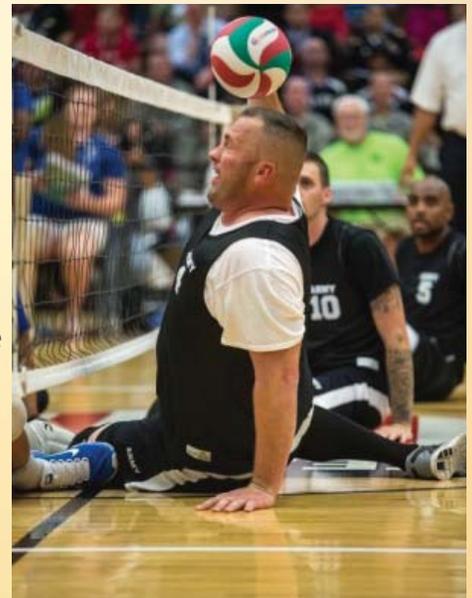
Archery, Field, Sitting Volleyball



Sgt. Sean Hook said that sports reconditioning changed his life. After returning from Iraq, he felt that his life and family were coming apart. "I was in what I would describe as a shell; never coming out unless it was 100% necessary. My life was falling apart. My family was falling apart. My wife was trying to help, but was not knowledgeable about my injuries."

Sgt. Hook was invited to Penn State University for a football game through the Department of Veterans Affairs. There he met Ms. Terry Jordan, who was a Navy team coach for the Warrior Games. She asked him if he had ever heard of the Warrior Games and whether he had ever thrown a shot put, which was something he had not done. Ms. Jordan invited Sgt. Hook to the university to throw and he found an outlet and a way to help him focus.

He made the Army Team, but fell apart at the games. "I just wasn't out of my shell and threw a lot shorter than I did when I first started." However, Sgt. Hook did not give up and tried out for the team the following year and received three medals. He then participated successfully in the Invictus games in London and another Warrior Games.



"I truly feel sports has changed my life for the better I am grateful for all the people and companies that have supported the Warrior Games."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Blake Johnson

RANK

Sergeant

STATUS

Active

MOS

15Y (Armament/Electrical/Avionics Systems Repairer)

HOMETOWN

Honolulu, Hawaii

CURRENT LOCATION

Bethesda, Maryland

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Knee injury

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Field, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball



Sgt. Blake Johnson is from Honolulu, Hawaii and enlisted in the army in October of 2010. Johnson's first duty station was Illersheim, Germany where he worked on Apaches as a 15Y (Armament/Electrical/Avionics Systems Repairer). He then deployed to Paktika Province, Afghanistan in 2012. Upon returning from deployment in September of 2013, Johnson was sent to

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, where he underwent multiple surgeries for a knee injury.

Sgt. Johnson first participated at regional trials in Fort Belvoir, Virginia and then went on to participate at the Army Trials at Fort Bliss, Texas. He competed in swimming, air rifle, shot put, discus, wheelchair basketball, and sitting volleyball. "I enjoy the art of competition and after my injury I thought I had lost that opportunity. I want nothing more than to compete and bring back medals for Team Army so that the Chairman's Cup will remain in our trophy case. My advice for the other Warriors out there is to not lose hope. Just because one door closed, doesn't mean another one didn't open. Stay Strong," said Johnson.



"Having this whole Warrior Games experience has changed my life and completely uplifted my spirit."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Sean Johnson

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

89B (Ammunition Specialist)

HOMETOWN

Mohall, North Dakota

CURRENT LOCATION

Aberdeen, South Dakota

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Blindness due to Traumatic Brain Injury

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Iraq, 2006

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Cycling, Track, Field



Staff Sgt. Sean Johnson enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1988. He deployed three times during his 25 year career in the military. He served during Operation Desert Storm, Operation Joint Guard/Joint Endeavor, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in Iraq in 2006, Staff Sgt. Johnson was injured by a mortar blast the left him legally blind due to a traumatic brain injury.

Staff Sgt. Johnson is active with the Blinded Veterans Association and serves as the Commander of his local Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is completing adaptive reconditioning through tandem cycling. Staff Sgt. Johnson believes sports and competition are critical to his recovery and health. He is proud to continue his service to the Army by competing in the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Kawaiola Nahale

RANK

Sergeant

STATUS

Reserves

MOS

36B (Financial Management Technician)

HOMETOWN

Honolulu, Hawaii

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Shafter, Hawaii

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Cancer

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Cycling



Sgt. Kawaiola Nahale was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her father first took her to the water when she was a month old; a very old custom for Hawaiian families. Her parents started taking her to swim lessons once she turned four years old and has been swimming competitively since she was six years old.

Some of her favorite events include the 500m free, 800m free, 1500m free, and 200m breaststroke. Sgt. Nahale has swum for various teams and coaches during her 12-year career.

When Sgt. Nahale found out she had cancer, she was very nervous about not being around for her daughter. "The water is my healing place. After all my surgeries and restrictions, being in the water was my place of peace."



"I enjoy competitive swimming because it allows me to do something I love while staying in shape."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Chasity Kuczer

RANK

Specialist

STATUS

Active

MOS

88P (Railway Equipment Repairer)

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion,
Fort Knox, Kentucky

HOMETOWN

Seymour, Wisconsin

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Knox, Kentucky

SCHOOL

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Bi-lateral labral tear in hips, CRPS in
Left Leg, and back problems

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Archery, Shooting, Field, Swimming



Spc. Chasity "Chas" Kuczer is from Seymour, Wisconsin. She is currently a reservist and a locomotive mechanic. Before her injury, Spc. Kuczer enjoyed riding motorcycles, hunting, fishing, and hiking. With the help of her mother at the age of four, she began shooting archery. As Spc. Kuczer got older, she started competing and even went to nationals for archery, trap, skeet, and sport-

ing clays. Shooting is her passion, however, due to mounting medical bills she had to stop competing. On the civilian side, Spc. Kuczer has worked at several gun shops and an indoor range. "I would teach concealed carry classes as well as hunter safety," said Kuczer

The reason Spc. Kuczer arrived at the Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Knox, Kentucky was because of a bilateral labral tear in her hips, back problems, and nerve damage dating back to July of 2012. Spc. Kuczer has had two surgeries on her left hip, but unfortunately still struggles with the pain. "I am the third generation of an Army family and I am disappointed my enlistment is going to be cut short. In the WTB, I am happy they offer archery and hunting trips. I believe this will keep my mental health good and help my healing process. Being able to shoot will make me have something to look forward too while being here," said Kuczer.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Katie Kuiper

RANK

Sergeant 1st Class

STATUS

Active

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion,
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

HOMETOWN

San Antonio, Texas

CURRENT LOCATION

San Antonio, Texas

SCHOOL(S)

Excelsior College, New York

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Gunshot wound to the head

EVENT(S)

Track, Cycling



Sgt. 1st Class Katie Kuiper was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She enlisted in the Army in 2003. She deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 2004 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She also served as a Watch Analyst with Joint Task Force – South.

Sgt. 1st Kuiper deployed to Camp Taji, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008. In 2010, she was assigned to Headquarters, Southern Command in Miami, Florida supporting operations throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean including Operation Unified Response. Injuries in 2013, brought her to the Warrior Transition Battalion, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.



“Participating in these events is instrumental to my well-being. It brings great joy to me and a huge smile to my face.”



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Stefan LeRoy

RANK

Specialist

STATUS

Active

MOS

19D (Cavalry Scout)

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion
WRNMMC, Bethesda, Maryland

HOMETOWN

Santa Rosa, California

CURRENT LOCATION

Bethesda, Maryland

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Double leg amputee

EVENT(S)

Track, Cycling, Swimming, Sitting
Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball



Spc. Stefan LeRoy hails from Santa Rosa, California. He deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the 82nd Airborne Division in February 2012. While serving as a 19D (Cavalry Scout), Spc. LeRoy stepped on an improvised explosive device while carrying a fellow soldier to a medevac helicopter. He instantly became a double leg amputee and was medevaced back to the U.S. for medical treatment.

Spc. LeRoy has been recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda and is participating in adaptive sports. Spc. LeRoy has run two 5ks since starting to run four months ago. He has also handcycled several Ride2Recovery challenges and marathons.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Monica Martinez

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Active

MOS

35N (Signals Intelligence Analyst)

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion,
WRNMMC, Bethesda

HOMETOWN

Washington, DC

CURRENT LOCATION

Bethesda, Maryland

SCHOOL(S)

University of Virginia

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Archery, Cycling, Field, Swimming,
Track



Staff Sgt. Monica Martinez was born in Washington, DC in September of 1984. She grew up in Northern Virginia and is a 2006 graduate of the University of Virginia with a Bachelor's of Art in Psychology. She enlisted in the Army as an Signals Intelligence Analyst in June of 2008 and has served two tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Staff Sgt. Martinez was injured

following a patrol supporting the 3d Cavalry Regiment while assigned to the 109th Mountain Battalion, 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Joint Base Lewis McChord while deployed to Afghanistan in 2014. Staff Sgt. Martinez is currently recovering at the Walter Reed Warrior Transition Battalion but plans to return to duty as an Signals Intelligence Analyst by the end of 2015. Martinez hopes to complete at least 20 years as a Soldier.

"Representing Team Army for the Warrior Games is so important for the athletes to enable them to still feel like part of the team and to maintain their competitive edge," said Martinez. She aspires to start competing in marathons and "Go Ruck" events as well as the "Bataan Death March."



"Competing in adaptive sports has enabled me to maintain my physical fitness while still feeling like part of a team."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Andrew McCaffrey

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

18F (Special Forces Assistant Operations and Intelligence Sergeant)

HOMETOWN

Massapequa Park, New York

CURRENT LOCATION

Arlington, Virginia

INJURY OR ILLNESS

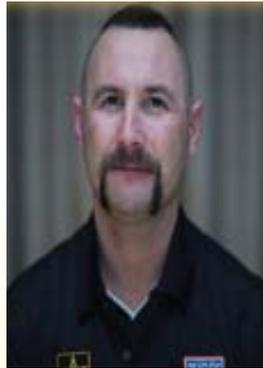
Below-the-elbow amputee (right)

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Afghanistan, 2002

EVENT(S)

Cycling, Track, Field



Staff Sgt. Andy McCaffrey retired from the Army in September 2013 after 23 years on active duty in the Army and the Marines. Since retirement, he has focused on competing in games for Wounded Warriors and also cycling with groups that support wounded Veterans and their Families. McCaffrey was injured while deployed in Afghanistan in July 2002. After rehabilitation, he completed three more deployments as a Green Beret.

Adaptive reconditioning played a large part in the recovery from his injury in 2002. Cycling and running on a competitive basis helped him in his recovery and improved his fitness while on active duty and post retirement keep him in shape both mentally and physically.

Staff Sgt. McCaffrey is honored to represent the Army team again at the Warrior Games and hopes to help the team to back-to-back victories. He hopes to be an example to younger or more recently

injured veterans. "I hope I can apply the leadership lessons I have learned in the two decades I have served in the military."

He now lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife Karen where he continues to train for future events.



"Competition gives me focus and reason to keep active and connected with other veterans and soldiers"



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Michael McPhall

RANK

Sergeant 1st Class

STATUS

Active

MOS

19K (M1 Armor Crewman)

HOMETOWN

Dearborn, Michigan

CURRENT LOCATION

Bethesda, Maryland

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Eosinophilic Fasciitis (EF) and Type 1 Diabetes

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Track



Sgt. 1st Class Michael McPhall was diagnosed with Eosinophilic Fasciitis (EF) and Type 1 Diabetes. EF is an uncommon disorder characterized by symmetric and painful inflammation, swelling, and indurations of the arms and legs. "Being the hard charger that I am, I had to come to terms with not being able to do everything that I once did before," said McPhall. That is when Sgt. 1st

Class McPhall found swimming. Last year, he swam 1.25 miles for the Scott Rigsby Foundation during the Ironman 70.3 in Augusta, Georgia. "It has always been a dream of mine to participate in, but it had become forgotten," said McPhall. He placed an impressive 23rd in his class placing 897 out of 3000 swimmers. McPhall has medaled numerous times during the Fort Benning Warrior Trials as well as the Fort Bliss Warrior Trials.

The military has been Sgt. 1st Class McPhall's life for over 19 years. "I love the fight, Soldiers, and the leadership. Being able to represent the Army and compete in the Warrior Games will be the last fight, battle and challenge I will have in the Army. Being able to barely get out of bed and then swimming 1.25 miles in the Ironman and participating in the Warrior Games is taking the bull by the horns. Go Army," said McPhall.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Billy Meeks

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

31B (Military Police)

FORMER UNIT

2-1 Special Troops Battalion,
2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team,
1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss,
Texas

HOMETOWN

Abilene, Texas

CURRENT LOCATION

Las Cruces, New Mexico

SCHOOL(S)

Abilene High School

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Torn medial collateral ligament
(MCL), a torn labrum and other
injuries

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Iraq, 2007

EVENT(S)

Archery, Shooting



Staff Sgt. Billy Meeks is a veteran originally from Abilene, Texas. While serving in Iraq in 2007, now retired Staff Sgt. Billy Meeks began noticing intense pain in his knee and hip. "I thought it was a normal Soldier thing, so why complain," said Meeks. He was diagnosed with a torn medial collateral ligament or MCL, a torn labrum and other injuries. Meeks was unable to continue serving in his

unit and medically retired.

His biggest supporter is his wife. "She is always pushing me to shoot and go to different competitions," said Meeks. After his last deployment, he and his wife picked up archery and never looked back. Meeks started out at some small local shoots but never thought about taking it to a professional level.

"Sports allow me to be competitive and allow me to be around like-minded people," said Meeks. In April 2014 he took a trip to Las Vegas where he learned about the Warrior Games and adaptive sports. "My participation in archery and in the 2014 U.S. Army Warrior Trials opened up a new avenue for me. I'm now thinking of going professional with archery. It's a big change."



He credits his Family, friends and coaches for their support during his training. Meeks is also finishing his master's degree in agricultural engineering.

"Sports allow me to be competitive and allow me to be around like-minded people."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Matthew Mueller

RANK

Corporal

STATUS

Active

MOS

68W (Health Care Specialist)

HOMETOWN

Fort Morgan, Colorado

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Carson, Colorado

SCHOOL(S)

Not Specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Broken neck; bones on right side of face

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

2014

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Track, Field, Cycling, Sitting Volleyball



Cpl. Matthew Mueller was born and raised in Fort Morgan, Colorado. He has been in the Army for five years. In 2014, he was in a rollover accident ultimately breaking his neck and most of the bones on the right side of his face. Cpl. Mueller is no longer able to see out of the right eye because his eye lid hangs down over his eye ball. His double vision makes it next to impossible

to function.

Cpl. Mueller is married and lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After the Army, he plans to go to school to be a nurse practitioner.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Rhoden Galloway

RANK

Master Sgt.

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

68W (Health Care Specialist)

HOMETOWN

San Antonio, Texas

CURRENT LOCATION

San Antonio, Texas

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Multiple orthopedic injuries

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Shooting



Master Sgt. Rhoden Galloway was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. He served in the U.S Army for seventeen years as a 68W (Health Care Specialist) and has always lead a very active life. "You know injuries and illnesses are always a possibility. We live in a world where it happens frequently, and we learn to adapt and move on to the next objective. It just doesn't cross your mind that

injuries will change the course of your life and career where you can't do the things you love to do," said Galloway.

He has found that adaptive sports and activities have helped him defeat depression. "After being told by doctors, 'No more running' your life and career are forever changed. You then have to get your mind around something you and your brain never truly prepared for," said Galloway.

Even after a recent motorcycle crash resulting in new injuries and his ability to swim or not hanging in the balance, his initial thoughts were, "Even if I only have one arm, I am still highly still be motivated to get up and train."

Master Sgt. Galloway is excited to compete again, show his family his talent and perseverance. "I am energized to see, hear, and share with



other adaptive athletes, Soldiers and Veterans our experiences and lives after learning to cope with disabling medical conditions and the behavioral struggles that follow. I can't wait to represent the Army this year. Adaptive reconditioning has made it possible."

Galloway hopes to gain employment soon and to find an organization that will support his training and desire to compete.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Eric Pardo

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

68W (Health Care Specialist)

HOMETOWN

North Bergen, New Jersey

CURRENT LOCATION

San Antonio, Texas

SCHOOL(S)

Not Specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not Specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not Specified

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Cycling, Sitting Volleyball



Staff Sgt. Eric Pardo is very excited to compete in the Warrior Games as a member of Team Army. "It is an amazing feeling and one that I find difficult to describe. Training and competing has been something that has assisted me in not only my healing process but also in my transition into civilian life," said Pardo. It has shown Staff Sgt. Pardo that he is more resilient than he

ever believed he could be. "I have been able to focus and redirect my thoughts in a way that I can function in a more productive and healthy manner when my pain and stress levels are high or low," added Pardo.

Adaptive sports training and competition has taught Staff Sgt. Pardo that no matter what limitations or restrictions are put on him physically, he can always find a way to overcome them mentally. "My mind controls my body, not the other way around," said Pardo.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Christopher Parks

RANK

1st Lieutenant

STATUS

Active

MOS

65D (Physician Assistant)

HOMETOWN

Lakeside, California

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Hood, Texas

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Necrotizing Fasciitis; amputee

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Field, Cycling, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball



1st Lt. Christopher Parks was born in Bethesda, Maryland, but grew up in Lakeside, California. All through his life he knew he wanted to be in the Army, so he enlisted as a 68W (Health Care Specialist) in 1991. After successfully serving for many years as a medical non-commissioned officer he decided to become a 65D (Physician Assistant) and graduated from the Interservice Physician

Assistant Program in 2011. After graduation, he was assigned to the 3d Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas. In early March of 2014, his right leg was amputated due to a flesh eating bacterial infection known as "Necrotizing Fasciitis." 1st Lt. Parks was in a coma for six weeks and awoke without his right leg. Since the amputation, he has learned to overcome obstacles and has realized how amazing and important life truly is.

1st Lt. Parks is hoping to be an example for his fellow Americans and show them they can overcome obstacles no matter how difficult they may seem. "I feel blessed to have the ability to participate in the military adaptive sports program. Through these programs, I have been able to get back into the sports that I enjoyed and more importantly meet some amazing people along the way," said Parks. He feels truly honored to represent Team Army at this year's Department of Defense Warrior Games.



"My chain of command has been a great form of support for my participation but it has been my family that has pushed me beyond what I thought I could achieve."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Timothy Payne

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

11B (Infantryman)

HOMETOWN

Amherst, New York

CURRENT LOCATION

Raleigh, North Carolina

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Bi-Lateral above the knee amputee

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Afghanistan, 2011

EVENT(S)

Field, Swimming



Staff Sgt. Timothy Payne retired from the Army in 2014 after being critically injured in Afghanistan on July 3, 2011. He served for 11 years in the infantry and lives the Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal courage. After losing his legs in combat, Payne used these Army values to shape his attitude. "It is about paying it forward to show other soldiers you can carry on and be strong, Army Strong."

Physical fitness has always been very important to Staff Sgt. Payne and is the center point of his recovery. He enjoys being with other Warriors to share his experiences and have fun competing against other branches as a team. "We are all part of a military family," said Payne.



"If I build my body up and keep it strong, my mind will stay just as strong."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Jasmine Perry

RANK

Corporal

STATUS

Active

MOS

88M (Motor Transport Operator)

HOMETOWN

Central City, Kentucky

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Campbell, Kentucky

SCHOOL(S)

Muhlenberg North High School
St. Catherine's College

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Left leg amputee

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

2006

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Track, Field, Archery,
Wheelchair Basketball



Cpl. Jasmine Perry hails from Central City, Kentucky. She graduated from Muhlenberg North High School in 2002 and earned an athletic scholarship to St. Catherine's College as a three sport athlete in basketball, softball and soccer.

In October of 2004, Cpl. Perry enlisted in the Army. In May of 2005, after only a few months at her first duty station in Fort Carson, Colorado, she was injured in a training exercise causing damage to her left leg. After a year of limb salvage, Cpl. Perry's left leg could not be saved and was amputated below the knee in June of 2006.

In 2010, Cpl. Perry was sent to the Center for the Intrepid and it was there where she became active in adaptive sports. She was also the first soldier to complete the motorcycle safety course using adaptive equipment. She devotes her spare time to countless volunteer organizations. Cpl. Perry volunteers at her local community center, Habitat for Humanity, her local homeless shelter and is an avid hunter.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Zedrik Pitts

RANK

Sergeant

STATUS

Reserves

FORMER WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion,
Fort Bliss, Texas

HOMETOWN

Birmingham, Alabama

CURRENT LOCATION

Birmingham, Alabama

SCHOOL(S)

Southern High School,
Baltimore, Maryland

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Grave's disease

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

2013

EVENT(S)

Track, Cycling



Sgt. Zedrik Veshaun Pitts enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves in 2006, following his father, who still serves, into the service. During a mobilization for Operation Enduring Freedom in December 2013, Sgt. Pitts was diagnosed with Grave's disease, which is an auto-immune disorder that results in over production of thyroid hormones leaving one extremely hypertensive, weak, slow to

heal, and with many other issues.

Sgt. Pitts said that the most challenging aspects of his illness was that he had suffered compound hernias in his left arm and his endurance took a turn for the worst. With help from doctors at the Fort Bliss Warrior Transition Battalion, Sgt. Pitts was able to slowly increase his endurance and used the available adaptive sports cycling program to slowly improve his strength. He hopes that the current medical support will soon stabilize his condition permanently and allow him to become an officer after he graduates for the University of Alabama. In the meantime, Sgt. Pitts plans to use adaptive sports as an alternative remedy to improve his overall well-being for his entire lifetime.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Haywood Range

RANK

Specialist

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

11B (Infantryman)

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Fort Sam Houston, Warrior Transition Battalion, Texas

HOMETOWN

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

CURRENT LOCATION

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

SCHOOL(S)

Jacksonville University

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Right arm amputation

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Track, Field



Spc. Haywood Range grew up in Jupiter, Florida and attended college at Jacksonville University on a football scholarship. Athletics always were a driving force to stay focused and remain on course. After his college years were over, Spc. Range found himself back home without much direction as to the next steps he would take towards his future. The picture that seemed so un-

clear would land him at an Army recruiting office signing enlistment documents to serve his country. "After all, the only thing more American than football, is serving our great nation," said Range.

With just over a year under his belt, Spc. Range was injured when his combat vehicle rolled over during a training exercise at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. His vehicle rolled over approximately ten times and resulted in the amputation of his right arm.

During the long months of physical and emotional recovery, Spc. Range remained focused on the stark contrast between his life and his limb. "Knowing that moving forward would be his only option, he transferred to Fort Sam Houston for treatment," said Range. Spc.

Haywood was able to join an adaptive sports team and it reiterated his love for athletics and competition. "I was able to compete at many levels and events to include two triathlons, 2014 Endeavor Games and Texas Regionals. In addition, Spc. Range received several offers to participate in adaptive sports at the college level. "Adaptive sports, my family and most importantly my faith in Christ have ultimately driven me to overcome what seemed impossible," elated Range.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Will Reynolds

RANK

Captain

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

11A (Infantry Officer)

HOMETOWN

Rochester, New York

CURRENT LOCATION

Bethesda, Maryland

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Leg amputee

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Track, Cycling



Cpt. Will Reynolds was a former collegiate gymnast before making the switch to endurance athletics, mainly marathons, upon being commissioned in the Army. Severe wounds received from an improvised explosive device during dismounted combat operations in Baghdad precluded him from continuing to run competitively. As a result, Cpt. Reynolds switched his competitive pursuits to cycling, which was also an integral part of his rehabilitation.

Cpt. Reynolds started racing in 2011 as a captain for a four-cyclist (two para-cyclist) Race Across America team, which completed the race penalty free in seven days, 14 hours and 28 minutes, which was the middle of the pack for the approximately thirty, four-cyclist relay teams. He continued to race and train regionally in 2012 as a one-leg cyclist before making his debut in the para-cycling realm in 2013 at

the Greenville Para-Cycling Open as a C2 para-cyclist. Cpt. Reynolds competed for one season as a C2 para-cyclist prior to losing his leg to a limb-salvage failure before the 2014 season. As a result, he raced the 2014 season with prosthetic, which he will continue to do and most likely be re-classified as a C3 cyclist.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Alexander Shaw

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

11B (Infantryman)

HOMETOWN

Baltimore, Maryland

CURRENT LOCATION

Clarksville, Tennessee

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Leg Amputee

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

2006

EVENT(S)

Field, Sitting Volleyball , Wheelchair Basketball



Staff Sgt. Alexander Shaw enlisted in the Army in 1989 and served honorably for 21 years. He was deployed multiple times and was severely injured by an improvised explosive device blast in 2006. After recuperating, Staff Sgt. Shaw continued to serve until he retired in 2014. He has received several awards, including two Purple Hearts and a Silver Star.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Timothy Sifuentes

RANK

Chief Warrant Officer 3

STATUS

Active

MOS

152DB (Pilot)

HOMETOWN

Glendive, Montana

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Riley, Kansas

SCHOOL(S)

Pine Ridge High School, Florida

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Knee injuries

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Iraq, 2011; Qatar, 2013

EVENT(S)

Cycling, Swimming, Field



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Timothy Sifuentes is from Glendive, Montana and has been in the Army for 19 years. He is serving as Continuation on Active Duty Soldier. Sifuentes currently resides near Fort Riley, Kansas with his wife Heidi of over 18 years and their five children.

Prior to his injuries, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sifuentes was a Kiowa Warrior helicopter pilot and Aviation Safety Officer. He had three deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, flying in excess of 1200 combat missions in direct support of ground troops to ensure safe travels and to support the team and mission. "Although my true passion is flying and providing air support for troops in need, I have found a new drive in the recovery process and push myself daily," said Sifuentes.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sifuentes enjoys biking/swimming and is an active member of the Ride to Recovery/Project Hero. He has ridden over 600 miles with this organization. Sifuentes said, "I am moving forward from my injuries and focus on what I can do physically, not only for myself but for my family to see me recover. I tell my children daily that times may seem tough, but out of sheer perseverance you can get back on course."



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Monica Southall

RANK

Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

92A (Automated Logistical Specialist)

HOMETOWN

Suffolk, Virginia

CURRENT LOCATION

Henrico, Virginia

SCHOOL(S)

Virginia State University
University of Phoenix

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Both shoulders, right knee, and lower back along with neurological/urology issues with PTSD

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Afghanistan, 2009

EVENT(S)

Field, Sitting Volleyball



Sgt. Monica Southall was born in Portsmouth, Virginia and grew up in Suffolk, Virginia. She graduated from Virginia State University in 2001, receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and from the University of Phoenix in 2013, receiving her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. After graduation in 2001, she realized that her student loan debt was too much to handle

and joined the Army to take advantage of the student loan repayment program. Sgt. Southall was called to serve overseas twice in support of both Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008.

While serving in Afghanistan in 2009, Southall fell from the top of an MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle) and was badly injured in both shoulders, her right knee, and her lower back along with neurological/urology issues with PTSD. She was medically retired from the Army in May of 2013.

When first returning from deployment from Afghanistan, Sgt. Southall battled depression. Southall loves the fact that adaptive sports allows her to be active and works with her current injuries instead of against them.



“Adaptive sports have given me a reason to enjoy life again and be able to share my story with other soldiers who may need support as well”



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Michael Smith

RANK

Sergeant 1st Class

STATUS

Active

MOS

79R (Recruiter)

HOMETOWN

Dallas, Texas

CURRENT LOCATION

Little Rock, Arkansas

SCHOOL(S)

Not Specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Above the elbow right arm amputee

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

2011

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Track, Field, Cycling



Sgt. 1st Class Michael D. Smith was born in Texas where he graduated from high school and then enlisted in the Army. He has been serving in the Army for 16 years, with two deployments to Iraq.

In 2011, Sgt. 1st Class Smith was injured in a hit and run motorcycle accident, which left him an above the elbow right arm amputee.

He became the first above elbow amputee to ever receive a fit for duty to continue active duty service. Sgt. 1st Class Smith is currently a Center Commander in Recruiting in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Since his injury, Sgt. 1st Class Smith has participated in numerous sporting events and is hopeful for a spot on the USA Skeleton Team.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Patrick Timmins

RANK

Sergeant

STATUS

Active

MOS

11B (Infantryman)

HOMETOWN

Columbiana, Alabama

CURRENT LOCATION

Colorado Springs, Colorado

SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Track, Field, Sitting Volleyball



Sgt. Patrick Timmins' short term goals are to attend the DoD Warrior Games in Virginia and compete for the Army. His long term goal is to transition out of the military with a job and life plan that is conducive to a quiet peaceful life of continued recovery. Sgt. Timmins credits the adaptive reconditioning process introduced to him at a Warrior Transition Battalion with helping

him realize "I'm not done. I have more in me than I ever imagined. Sports like seated volleyball and wheelchair basketball have gotten me to meet new people and socialize. By competing for the Army in the Warrior Games, I am able to show my family, myself, and every other service member that just because you aren't as healthy or as able bodied as you once were, it doesn't mean life is over," said Timmins

Sgt. Timmins credits his teammates and his adaptive sports coordinator Becky Richardson with helping reinvigorate his life. "It has shown me that I'm a lot more than a broken soldier, I'm a warrior and competitor." He suggests that all Soldiers, wounded and able bodied participate in these sort of events.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Nicholas Titman

RANK

Sergeant

STATUS

Active

MOS

14G (Air Defense Battle Management System Operator)

HOMETOWN

Damascus, Virginia

CURRENT LOCATION

Fort Carson, Colorado

SCHOOL(S)

Richwood High School
Troy State College

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Lower back

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Track, Cycling, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball



Sgt. Nicholas Titman was born in Jacksonville, North Carolina and grew up in Damascus, Virginia. After a year of college, he decided to join the Army as an Air Defense Battle Management System Operator. Titman served in Operation Enduring Freedom and was also deployed to Qatar. He sustained injuries to his lower back, while serving overseas as well as in the United

States.

Sgt. Titman always wanted to try out for the All Army Volleyball team, but cannot because of his injury. It means a lot for him to represent the Army at the DoD Warrior Games this year. Titman has found a close connection with his teammates and athletes from other branches, since starting the journey of competing in adaptive sports. They all share something in common and all have one goal in sight, to heal and overcome the challenges and obstacles in life through physical activities.

Sgt. Titman only has a few short months left on active duty and after retirement wants to continue to go to school full time and earn his Bachelor's degree in nursing. Volunteering is a big part of Titman's spare time and would like to become more active in the community and nation with wounded and injured veterans, as well as staying involved in the Humane Society and the Big Brother Big Sister program.



2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Ricardo Villalobos

RANK

Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

12B (Combat Engineer)

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion,
Fort Benning, Georgia

HOMETOWN

Lexington, North Carolina

CURRENT LOCATION

Winston Salem, North Carolina

SCHOOL(S)

North Davidson High School

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not Specified

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Field, Cycling



Sgt. Ricardo Villalobos was born in Lexington, North Carolina where he attended North Davidson High School and competed in swimming and played football. He enlisted early in the Army prior to his graduation. Sgt. Villalobos served for over eight years; half of the time was spent overseas.

Sgt. Villalobos has two kids, a son and a daughter. He is currently retired and focusing on training to take home a gold medal in the Warrior Games. After the games, Sgt. Villalobos plans to concentrate on working hard to make it to the Paralympics.





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