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Army Soldiers and Veteran Athletes Selected to Win Gold at the 2016 Warrior Games

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (March 30, 2016), Va. – The U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command (WTC) announces the 40 wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and veterans and five alternates representing Team Army at the 2016 Warrior Games. Army athletes will compete in seven sports against Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Special Operations Command teams June 14-22, 2016, at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

“All of the men and women who represent the Army team at Warrior Games are examples of strength, resilience, and dedication. All of them are very inspiring. I look forward to them competing against our sister services and Special Operations Command. Adaptive Sports competition is a way to honor our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and to showcase their ability to adapt and overcome adversity as well as support them in their transition,” said Col. Chris Toner, Commander, U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command and Assistant Surgeon General for Warrior Care and Transition.

The soldiers and veterans competing at the 2016 Warrior Games are:

- Mr. Erick Acevado, Veteran, Kempner, Texas
- Sgt. 1st Class Allan Armstrong, Fort Hood, Texas
- Staff Sgt. Ashley Anderson, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas
- Spc. Anthony Ateomon, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina,
- Mr. Jhoonar Barrera, Veteran, San Diego, California
- Mr. Ryan Brunett, Veteran, Hudson Falls, New York
- Spc. Shealynn Casserly, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Maryland.
- Mr. Terry Cartwright, Veteran, Safford, Arizona
- Spc. Sydney Davis, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
- Capt. Justin Decker, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas
- Ms. April Darowski, Veteran, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Capt. Kelly Elmingier, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas
- Ms. Brandi Evans, Veteran, El Paso, Texas
- Mr. Robbie Gaupp, Veteran, Gatesville, Texas
- Ms. Randi Gavell, Veteran, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Mr. Robert Green, Veteran, San Antonio, Texas
- Mr. Blake Johnson, Veteran, Bethesda, Maryland
- Sgt. David Jones, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina



- Ms. Katie Kuiper, Veteran, San Antonio, Texas
- Mr. Matthew Lammers, Veteran, Tucson, Arizona
- Mr. Stefan Leroy, Veteran, Jupiter, Florida
- Sgt. 1st Class David Iuli, Veteran, Fredrickson, Washington
- Mr. Ryan Major, Veteran, Towson, Maryland
- Ms. Ana Manciaz, Veteran, San Antonio, Texas
- Mr. Robert Mathews, Veteran, Sahaurita, Arizona
- 1st Lt. Michael Matthews, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia
- Mr. Michael McPhall, Veteran, Glenville, Georgia
- Mr. Matthew Mihacsi, Veteran, Fayetteville, North Carolina
- Spc. Stephanie Morris, Walter Reed Warrior Transition Unit, Bethesda, Maryland
- Mr. Matthew Mueller, Veteran, Peoria, Arizona
- Sgt. Kawaiola Nahale, United States Army Reserves, Fort Shafter, Hawaii,
- Mr. Eric Pardo, Veteran, San Antonio, Texas
- 1st Lt. Christopher Parks, Warrior Transition Unit, Fort Hood, Texas
- Mr. Timothy Payne, Veteran, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Staff Sgt. Zed Pitts, United States Army Reserves, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- Staff Sgt. Gregory Quarles, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Benning, Georgia
- Mr. Haywood Range, Veteran, San Antonio, Texas
- Mr. William Reynolds, Veteran, Bethesda, Maryland
- Sgt. Carmalina Rowe, Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Bliss, Texas
- Mr. Alexander Shaw, Veteran, Clarksville, Tennessee
- Spc. David Snipes, Walter Reed Warrior Transition Unit, Bethesda, Maryland
- Ms. Monica Southall, Veteran, Henrico, Virginia
- Mr. Michael Stephens, Veteran, El Paso, Texas
- Mr. Ricardo Villalobos, Veteran, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
- Mr. Shawn "Bubba" Vosburg, Veteran, El Paso, Texas

Wounded, ill and injured service members compete in archery, cycling, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field and wheelchair basketball in this Paralympic-style competition.

Each branch is responsible for selecting its own team. To select the Army athletes, this year WTC hosted the U.S. Army Trials in March at Fort Bliss, Texas. The most competitive times and scores from the Army Trials helped determine which Soldiers and Veterans would represent the Army team at the 2016 Warrior Games.

The U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command (WTC) is a major subordinate command under the U.S. Army Medical Command. WTC provides oversight for the Warrior Care and Transition Program that is implemented at the Army's 25 Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) and through the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2). At WTUs, each soldier develops a personalized comprehensive transition plan (CTP) with short- and long-term goals in six domains: physical, social, spiritual, emotional, family and career. Adaptive reconditioning activities like sports connect physical activities to the six domains of the individual's CTP. For more information on the Warrior Transition Command or the Army's Warrior Games team visit: www.WTC.army.mil, follow on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/armyWTC> or Twitter at <http://twitter.com/armyWTC>.