

LTC Daniel J. Dudek (Active)



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Current Location:

Roy, Washington

**MOS/Current Occupation:**

13A (Field Artillery Officer)/Collective Training Chief

Warrior Transition Unit:

N/A

Hometown:

Wilmington, North Carolina

School(s):

Sanderson High School, North Carolina; Appalachian State University (BS), North Carolina; Webster University (MS)

Events training for:

Swimming, Cycling, Wheelchair Racing, Wheelchair Tennis

Injury or Illness:

Spinal cord injury (SCI), L3-4 incomplete cauda equina

Two-time Warrior Games medalist, Lt. Col. Daniel "Danny" Dudek, is as competitive on land as he is in water. Dudek has participated in a variety of adaptive reconditioning activities, including hand-cycle races, triathlons and two Army Ten-Milers.

"Adaptive reconditioning opened my eyes to what other injured veterans and athletes are doing, and it showed me that I can do anything," said Dudek.

While serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007, Dudek sustained a spinal cord injury from an explosive-formed penetrating improvised device.

After his injury, he spent two years commanding the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), and then served as the deputy chief of staff at the Warrior Transition Command. In August 2014, he returned to JBLM and now serves as the collective training chief.

When asked about his long-term goals, Dudek said he intends to "maintain health, improve capability and continue to improve quality of life with my wife, Megan."

As one of 22 athletes representing the United States Army at the Invictus Games, Dudek says, "This opportunity lets me continue to serve and make my country proud."

