

SSG Jessie White (Veteran)



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Current Location:

Junction City, Kansas



MOS/Current Occupation:

63B (Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic)

Warrior Transition Unit:

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Maryland and Fort Mead, Maryland

Hometown:

Bella Vista, Arkansas

School(s):

Webb City High School, Missouri

Events training for:

Archery, Field

Injury or Illness:

Back injury

"It feels amazing to represent the United States. It is every kid's dream," said Jessie White. He represents the U.S. Team in London at the Invictus Games, competing in archery, shot-put and discus.

"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."

A husband and father, White also drew 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.

White took that competitive drive to four Warrior Games, leaving the 2010 event a two-time silver medalist in shot-put and sitting volleyball. He took home silver again in 2012, this time for archery.

After London's Invictus Games, White will achieve another goal: becoming an archery coach. He joins the Army team as an archery coach at the 2014 Warrior Games, held Sept. 28–Oct. 4 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

