

# 2014 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

## NAME

Sean Johnson

## RANK

Staff Sergeant

## STATUS

Veteran

## FORMER WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Fort Riley Warrior Transition  
Battalion, Kansas

## HOMETOWN

Aberdeen, South Dakota

## CURRENT LOCATION

North Dakota

## SCHOOL(S)

Mohall High School, Mohall, North Dakota

## INJURY OR ILLNESS

Vision loss, traumatic brain injury (TBI)

## LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Iraq, 2006

## EVENT(S)

Cycling, Track and Field



“Life is not over just because of an injury,” said retired Staff Sgt. **Sean Johnson**, the first completely blind athlete to compete for the Army team at the Warrior Games. “I do it a little bit differently, but I can do the same thing as anybody else.”

Johnson first discovered the benefits of adaptive reconditioning activities like cycling and other sports during his recovery at the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Riley, Kansas. Johnson sustained injuries over multiple deployments, including vision loss and a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

“Sports definitely have an impact on recovery. You push yourself farther, you’re focused on something and you’re not worried about the pain,” said Johnson.

Of the opportunity to represent the Army team at Warrior Games, Johnson said, “I can use my injury to serve and help other Soldiers get through their injuries and be a positive role model.”

Johnson will compete in cycling and track and field at the 2014 Warrior Games.



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