

2014 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Alexander Shaw

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

FORMER UNIT

4Th Brigade Combat Team 506th Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

FORMER WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

HOMETOWN

Baltimore, Maryland

CURRENT LOCATION

Clarksville, Tennessee

SCHOOL(S)

Southern High School, Baltimore, Maryland

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Below-the-knee amputation, fractured third and fourth discs in his neck, hearing loss

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Iraq, 2009

EVENT(S)

Field, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball



Retired Staff Sgt. **Alexander Shaw**, a Baltimore, Maryland native, who now resides in Clarksville, Tennessee, was serving in Iraq in 2006 when he encountered an improvised explosive device (IED) that detonated. Shaw's injuries from the IED required a below-knee amputation, he suffered fractures in his third and fourth discs in his neck and hearing loss in his left ear.

Shaw recovered at the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he learned about adaptive sports, such as wheelchair basketball. He says today his favorite sports are basketball, volleyball and cycling. "Sports bring the camaraderie back between me and my fellow Soldiers and give me a desire to do things I didn't think I would ever do again," said Shaw.

Shaw shared that beyond the Warrior Games, participating in adaptive sports on a regular basis is important. He has physical therapists who continually encourage him to never give up. He worked with an Army Wounded Warrior Program



(AW2) Advocate to receive home equipment to help him pursue his goals, including competing on the Army team at the 2014 Warrior Games.

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