

# 2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

## NAME

Blake Johnson

## RANK

Sergeant

## STATUS

Active

## MOS

15Y (Armament/Electrical/Avionics Systems Repairer)

## HOMETOWN

Honolulu, Hawaii

## CURRENT LOCATION

Bethesda, Maryland

## SCHOOL(S)

Not specified

## INJURY OR ILLNESS

Knee injury

## LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

## EVENT(S)

Swimming, Field, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball



Sgt. Blake Johnson is from Honolulu, Hawaii and enlisted in the army in October of 2010. Johnson's first duty station was Illersheim, Germany where he worked on Apaches as a 15Y (Armament/Electrical/Avionics Systems Repairer). He then deployed to Paktika Province, Afghanistan in 2012. Upon returning from deployment in September of 2013, Johnson was sent to

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, where he underwent multiple surgeries for a knee injury.

Sgt. Johnson first participated at regional trials in Fort Belvoir, Virginia and then went on to participate at the Army Trials at Fort Bliss, Texas. He competed in swimming, air rifle, shot put, discus, wheelchair basketball, and sitting volleyball. "I enjoy the art of competition and after my injury I thought I had lost that opportunity. I want nothing more than to compete and bring back medals for Team Army so that the Chairman's Cup will remain in our trophy case. My advice for the other Warriors out there is to not lose hope. Just because one door closed, doesn't mean another one didn't open. Stay Strong," said Johnson.



"Having this whole Warrior Games experience has changed my life and completely uplifted my spirit."

