

2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Haywood Range

RANK

Specialist

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

11B (Infantryman)

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Fort Sam Houston, Warrior Transition Battalion, Texas

HOMETOWN

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

CURRENT LOCATION

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

SCHOOL(S)

Jacksonville University

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Right arm amputation

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Not specified

EVENT(S)

Swimming, Track, Field



Spc. Haywood Range grew up in Jupiter, Florida and attended college at Jacksonville University on a football scholarship. Athletics always were a driving force to stay focused and remain on course. After his college years were over, Spc. Range found himself back home without much direction as to the next steps he would take towards his future. The picture that seemed so un-

clear would land him at an Army recruiting office signing enlistment documents to serve his country. "After all, the only thing more American than football, is serving our great nation," said Range.

With just over a year under his belt, Spc. Range was injured when his combat vehicle rolled over during a training exercise at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. His vehicle rolled over approximately ten times and resulted in the amputation of his right arm.

During the long months of physical and emotional recovery, Spc. Range remained focused on the stark contrast between his life and his limb. "Knowing that moving forward would be his only option, he transferred to Fort Sam Houston for treatment," said Range. Spc.

Haywood was able to join an adaptive sports team and it reiterated his love for athletics and competition. "I was able to compete at many levels and events to include two triathlons, 2014 Endeavor Games and Texas Regionals. In addition, Spc. Range received several offers to participate in adaptive sports at the college level. "Adaptive sports, my family and most importantly my faith in Christ have ultimately driven me to overcome what seemed impossible," elated Range.

