

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
**WARRIOR  
GAMES**  
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**TEAM MARINE CORPS**

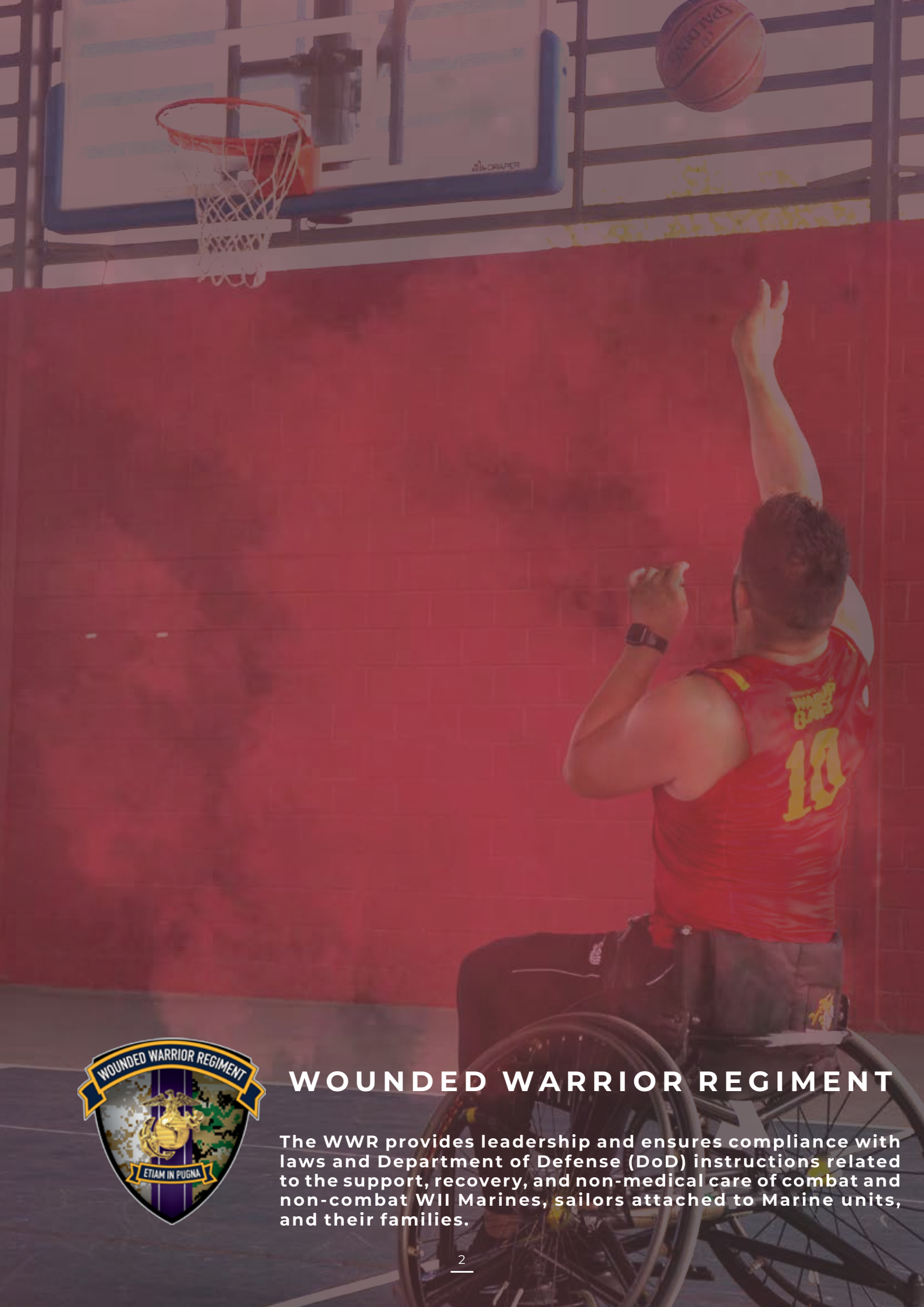


# **ATHLETE BIO BOOK**

**2022 DoD Warrior Games**

AUGUST 19-28, 2022

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS COMPLEX AT  
WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT



## WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

The WWR provides leadership and ensures compliance with laws and Department of Defense (DoD) instructions related to the support, recovery, and non-medical care of combat and non-combat WII Marines, sailors attached to Marine units, and their families.



## ABOUT THE GAMES

The Department of Defense Warrior Games is an annual event, first held in 2010, that celebrates the resiliency and dedication of wounded, ill, and injured active duty and veteran U.S. military service members. The 2022 Warrior Games, hosted by the U.S. Army, will take place at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort from August 19-28.

The featured adaptive sports include but are not limited to archery, cycling, field, golf, powerlifting, rowing, sitting volleyball, swimming, track, wheelchair basketball, and wheelchair rugby.

## HISTORY OF THE GAMES

Since 2010, the Department of Defense (DoD) has held an annual adaptive-sports competition highlighting the exceptional physical skills and mental toughness of wounded, ill, and injured active-duty and veteran service members.

The Games are designed to enhance recovery by engaging wounded, ill, and injured service members outside of traditional therapy settings. The program hopes to inspire recovery and physical fitness and encourage new opportunities for growth and achievement. Second, the games raise awareness about the resources available through the DoD Warrior Care programs. The adaptive sports program is just one facet of the continuum of recovery and care our active-duty and veteran warriors receive.



Note: the 2020 games were cancelled and the 2021 games were held virtually.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## DAY ONE FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- 01** **OPENING CEREMONY**  
18:30  
The Stadium

## DAY TWO SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

- 01** **SHOOTING DAY ONE**  
08:00-16:00  
Orange County Convention Center, Hall WDI
- 02** **WHEELCHAIR RUGBY PRELIMS DAY ONE**  
16:00-21:00  
VISA Athletic Center
- 03** **SPONSOR ROW**  
08:00-16:00  
AdventHealth

## DAY THREE SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- 01** **SHOOTING DAY 2**  
08:00-16:00  
Orange County Convention Center, Hall WDI
- 02** **WHEELCHAIR RUGBY PRELIMS DAY TWO**  
16:00-21:00  
VISA Athletic Center
- 03** **SPONSOR ROW**  
08:00-16:00  
AdventHealth

## DAY FOUR MONDAY, AUGUST 22

- 01** **CYCLING**  
07:00-17:00  
WWoS Touchdown Parking Lot
- 02** **WHEELCHAIR RUGBY FINALS**  
16:00-21:00  
State Farm Field House  
16:00-17:00 Bronze Medal Game  
17:15-17:45 Exhibition Game  
18:00-19:00 Gold Medal Game  
19:15-19:45 Medal Ceremony  
AdventHealth
- 03** **SPONSOR ROW**  
08:00-16:00  
AdventHealth

## DAY FIVE TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 01** **POWERLIFTING**  
08:00 – 13:00  
AdventHealth NW Pavilion  
13:00-13:30 Medal Ceremony,  
AdventHealth Arena
- 02** **INDOOR ROWING**  
14:00 – 19:00  
AdventHealth NE Pavillion  
19:00-19:30 Rowing Medal Ceremony
- 03** **WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL PRELIMS DAY 1**  
16:00 – 21:00  
VISA Athletic Center
- 04** **SPONSOR ROW**  
08:00-16:00  
AdventHealth

## DAY SIX WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

- 01** **FIELD**  
07:00 – 16:00  
Track & Field Complex  
17:30-18:30 Medal Ceremony  
AdventHealth Arena
- 02** **GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
7:30 – 12:00  
Disney Palm Golf Course
- 03** **WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL PRELIMS DAY 2**  
16:00 – 21:00  
VISA Athletic Center
- 04** **SPONSOR ROW**  
08:00-16:00  
AdventHealth

**DAY SEVEN**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**

- 01 TRACK**  
 08:00-16:00  
 Track & Field Complex  
 15:30-17:00 Medal Ceremony  
 AdventHealth
- 02 WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL FINALS**  
 17:00-20:00  
 State Farm Field House  
 17:00-18:00 Bronze Medal Game  
 18:15-18:45 Exhibition Game  
 19:00-20:00 Gold Medal Game  
 18:15-18:45 Medal Ceremony  
 AdventHealth
- 03 SPONSOR ROW**  
 08:00-16:00  
 AdventHealth

**DAY EIGHT**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**

- 01 SWIMMING**  
 08:00 – 16:00  
 Rosen Aquatic Center  
 17:00-18:30 Medal Ceremony  
 AdventHealth
- 02 SITTING VOLLEYBALL PRELIMS DAY 1**  
 16:00 – 21:00  
 VISA Athletic Center
- 03 SPONSOR ROW**  
 08:00-16:00  
 AdventHealth

**DAY NINE**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**

- 01 ARCHERY**  
 08:00 – 18:00  
 AdventHealth Arena  
 18:00-18:30 Medal Ceremony  
 AdventHealth
- 02 SITTING VOLLEYBALL PRELIMS DAY 2**  
 16:00-21:00  
 VISA Athletic Center
- 03 SPONSOR ROW**  
 08:00-16:00  
 AdventHealth

**DAY TEN**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

- 01 SITTING VOLLEYBALL FINALS**  
 10:00 – 13:30  
 State Farm Field House  
 18:00-18:30 Medal Ceremony  
 AdventHealth
- 02 CLOSING CEREMONY**  
 18:30  
 The Stadium



# THE ATHLETES

## ATHLETE ROSTER

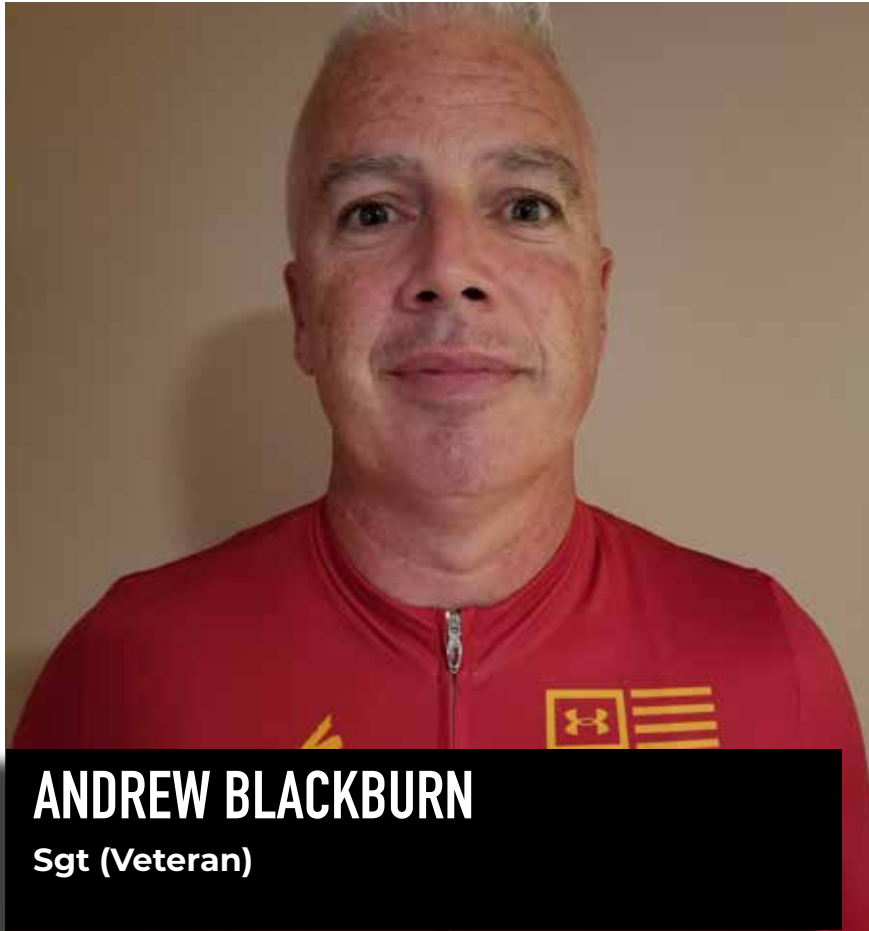
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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**ANDREW BLACKBURN**

**Sgt (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Infantry

### **HOMETOWN**

Palm Bay, FL

### **EVENTS**

Cycling, Field, Swimming, and  
Wheelchair Rugby







# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**STACY BLACKBURN-HOELSCHER**

**SSgt (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Airframes

### **HOMETOWN**

Detroit, MI

### **EVENTS**

Archery, Field, Golf, Shooting, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming, Track, and Wheelchair Basketball

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*"IT IS ALWAYS AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING SO MUCH BIGGER THAN MYSELF. BEING A MARINE HAS NOT JUST BEEN A JOB FOR ME, BUT A LIFESTYLE. DESPITE BEING WOUNDED IN COMBAT MULTIPLE TIMES, ADAPTIVE SPORTS HAVE TRULY GIVEN ME A PIECE OF NORMALCY BACK, SOMETHING THAT I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER HAVE RETURNED TO ME AGAIN. I HOPE TO INSPIRE THOSE THAT HAVE EITHER GIVEN UP ON THEMSELVES OR THEIR SITUATION, BY SHOWING THEM THAT YOU ARE NOT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE AND CAN FIND JOY THROUGH PUSHING THROUGH OBSTACLES AND TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS."*

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# THE ATHLETES MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**FAHEEMAH BOSTAN-ALI**

**Cpl (Veteran)**

**MOS**

Air Support Operations Operator

**HOMETOWN**

Atlanta, GA

**EVENTS**

Archery, Cycling, Field, Shooting, and Sitting Volleyball

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*"REPRESENTING THE MARINE CORPS WILL ALWAYS MEAN HONOR, COURAGE, COMMITMENT TO ME. NO MATTER WHERE I GO AND WHAT I DO IN LIFE, THIS WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF WHO I WAS, WHO I AM NOW, AND WHO I WILL ALWAYS BE."*

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**TEAM MARINE CORPS**



# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**XAVIER CARDONA**

Cpl

### MOS

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*"IT'S AN HONOR TO BE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS. TO KNOW THAT I HAVE THE FAITH OF THE CORPS TO REPRESENT US MEANS A LOT."*

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### HOMETOWN

Holland, MI

### EVENTS

Field, Powerlifting, and Rowing



# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**RAYMOND CARDOZA**

SSgt

### MOS

Transmission Chief

### HOMETOWN

Gilroy, CA

### EVENTS

Archery, Field, Powerlifting,  
Rowing, and Swimming

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*"I'M PROUD TO REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS AT THE WARRIOR GAMES. THIS HAS BEEN A THREE YEAR JOURNEY FOR ME TO GET TO AN ACTUAL WARRIOR GAMES, SO THIS OPPORTUNITY MEANS SO MUCH TO ME. THREE YEARS AGO I STRUGGLED TO COPE WITH MY CURRENT LIFE AS AN INJURED SERVICE MEMBER, BUT ADAPTIVE SPORTS HAS GIVEN ME A NEW SENSE OF PURPOSE AND HAS OPENED UP SO MANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ME TO STRIVE FOR."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**ANDREA COLLINS**

LCpl

### **MOS**

Field Radio Operator

### **HOMETOWN**

Delmar, DE

### **EVENTS**

Cycling, Rowing, and Swimming

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"I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A MARINE SINCE I WAS 12, I WAS IN THE YOUNG MARINES AND THE JROTC FOR A LITTLE AND IT'S JUST MY PASSION I LOVE THE MARINE CORPS AND TO BE ON THEIR TEAM IS A DREAM TO COMPETE THIS YEAR IS AMAZING"

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**CARLOS CRUZ-TEJEDA**

**SSgt (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Administrative Specialist

### **HOMETOWN**

Long Beach, CA

### **EVENTS**

Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball, and Wheelchair Rugby

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*"IT'S AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO REPRESENT AND COMPETE ALONGSIDE THESE WORLD CLASS ATHLETES. IT MEANS A LOT BECAUSE IT MAKES ME FEEL THAT I STILL BELONG TO SOMETHING."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**TATIANA DODSON**

**Cpl**

### **MOS**

Supply Chain and Material Management Specialist

### **HOMETOWN**

Arlington, TX

### **EVENTS**

Cycling and Wheelchair Rugby

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*"REPRESENTING THE MARINE CORPS MEANS SO MUCH TO ME. NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE GIVING THIS OPPORTUNITY SO I AM VERY EXCITED AND THANKFUL."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**LISA DORING**

Maj (Veteran)

**MOS**

**HOMETOWN**

**EVENTS**

Field, Powerlifting, Rowing,  
Sitting Volleyball, and Wheelchair  
Basketball







# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE

TEAM CAPTAIN



**ROBERT DOMINGUEZ**

SSgt (Veteran)

### MOS

Infantry

### HOMETOWN

Clovis, CA

### EVENTS

Archery, Cycling, Field, Powerlifting, Rowing, Shooting, and Swimming

### Ultimate Champion

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*"IT MEANS A LOT TO ME TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO GIVE HOPE TO THOSE OTHERS THAT ARE WOUNDED ILL OR INJURED THAT THROUGH SPORTS WE CAN STILL BE A PART OF A TEAM AND OVERCOME! WE ARE STILL IN A FIGHT AND WE NEVER GIVE UP."*

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TEAM MARINE CORPS



# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**KIRSTIE ENNIS**

**Sgt (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Aerial Gunner/Airframes Mech

### **HOMETOWN**

FL

### **EVENTS**

**Shooting,  
Swimming, and  
Track**

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*"THIS IS A RETURN TO SUPPORT THE NEXT WAVE OF SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN, AND VETERANS; TO SUPPORT A GROUP THAT HELPED ME FIND HEALING THROUGH SPORT 8 YEARS AGO. TO CONNECT WITH OTHER WOMEN AND DIFFERENTLY ABLED TO REBUILD COMMUNITY/BROTHERHOOD THAT WAS LOVED AND LOST IN SOME CASES."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**JAYARE ERICKSON**

**CySgt**

### **MOS**

Engineer Equipment Chief

### **HOMETOWN**

South Haven, MI

### **EVENTS**

Cycling and Rowing

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“REPRESENTING THE MARINE CORPS AT THE WOUNDED WARRIOR GAMES SHOWS JUNIOR WARRIORS THAT ALL RANKS FROM DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY CAN COME TOGETHER AND COMPETE IN FRIENDLY COMPETITION DEMONSTRATING ESPRIT DE CORPS. IT ALSO REPRESENTS THE ABILITY TO OVERCOME DIVERSITY NO MATTER WHAT AILMENT ONE MAY BE SUFFERING FROM.”

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**WILLIAM GAENTINE**

**SSgt**

### **MOS**

Infantry Unit Leader

### **HOMETOWN**

Maryville, TN

### **EVENTS**

Archery, Field, Shooting, and  
Sitting Volleyball

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*"REPRESENTING THE MARINE CORPS AT THE WARRIOR GAMES FOR ME MEANS BEING PART OF TEAM OF MARINES WHO ARE CONTINUING TO SHOW ESPRIT DE CORPS THROUGH OUR INJURIES, AND CONTINUING TO GIVE OUR ALL FOR OUR TEAM, COUNTRY, AND BELOVED CORPS."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**SEBASTIAN GALLEGOS**

Cpl (Veteran)

**MOS**

**HOMETOWN**

**EVENTS**

Rowing



**TEAM MARINE CORPS**



# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**LUIS GARCIA**

**LCpl (Veteran)**

**MOS**

**HOMETOWN**

**EVENTS**

Field, Rowing, Shooting, and Sitting Volleyball





# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**JUSTIN GREENE**

Cpl

### **MOS**

Maintenance Management Specialist

### **HOMETOWN**

Austell, GA

### **EVENTS**

Cycling, Rowing, Swimming, and Track

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*"IT IS A HONOR TO REPRESENT THE GREATEST FIGHTING FORCE IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**ROSENDO GUTIERREZ JR.**

**SSgt**

### **MOS**

Inventory Management Specialist

### **HOMETOWN**

Dallas, TX

### **EVENTS**

Cycling, Rowing, Sitting Volleyball, Track, Wheelchair Basketball, and Wheelchair Rugby

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*"BEING CHOSEN AS PART OF TEAM MARINE CORPS AND BEING ABLE TO EMBODY PROMULGATE ESPIRI DE CORPS. ALSO, BEING ABLE TO COMPETE NEXT TO OTHER ATHLETES AND SHOW WHAT WE DO AT HIGH SKILLED EVENTS TO FOSTER A FIERCE AND FIGHTING SPIRIT."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**ANDREW HAIRSTON**

**Capt**

**MOS**

**HOMETOWN**

**EVENTS**

Archery, Cycling, Powerlifting,  
Wheelchair Basketball, and  
Wheelchair Rugby



**TEAM MARINE CORPS**



# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**KC HIGER**

**LCpl (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Motor Transport Mechanic

### **HOMETOWN**

Sidney, NE

### **EVENTS**

Powerlifting, Rowing, Shooting,  
and Wheelchair Rugby





# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**TAYLOR HOWARD**

**LCpl**

### **MOS**

Infantry Rifleman

### **HOMETOWN**

Raleigh, NC

### **EVENTS**

Cycling, Shooting, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball, and Wheelchair Rugby

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*"I AM HONORED TO BE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT OUR CORPS AT THE WARRIOR GAMES. MORE THAN ANYTHING, I AM TRULY HUMBLLED TO BE IN THE COMPANY OF MARINES WHO HAVE BEEN THE EMBODIMENT OF PURE GRIT AND DETERMINATION. MY TEAMMATES INSPIRE ME EVERY DAY."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**ANNIKA HUTSLER**

**LCpl (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Ground Electronics Maintenance

### **HOMETOWN**

Aurora, CO

### **EVENTS**

Archery, Field, Shooting,  
Sitting Volleyball,  
Swimming, Track, and  
Wheelchair Rugby

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*" I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR WAR-P AND ADAPTIVE  
SPORTS FOR HELPING GET PAST MY DARK PLACES  
AND BE AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO BE THE PERSON  
I AM TODAY."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**PETER KEATING**

**Sgt (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Administrative Specialist

### **HOMETOWN**

Copley, OH

### **EVENTS**

Cycling, Powerlifting, and Rowing

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*"AS AN AMPUTEE, I WILL NEVER BE AS FAST AN ABLE-BODIED INDIVIDUAL AT THE SAME FITNESS LEVEL. FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, I WILL BE ABLE TO COMPETE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO LOOK LIKE ME - INDIVIDUALS WHO GO THROUGH THE SAME STRUGGLES AS ME - INDIVIDUALS WHO USE THE SAME ADAPTIVE DEVICES AS ME. TEAM MARINE CORPS AT THE WARRIOR GAMES PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE PROUD OF THE LOGO ON MY CHEST - BE PROUD OF MY NAME AND THE COLORS I WEAR. THE WARRIOR GAMES GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE MY BEST."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**PETER LYKINS**

**Sgt (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Artillery

### **HOMETOWN**

Corona, CA

### **EVENTS**

Archery, Golf, Shooting, and  
Sitting Volleyball

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"REPRESENTING THE MARINE CORPS AT WARRIOR GAMES TO ME, MEANS SEMPER FIDELIS. I'VE BEEN RETIRED FOR OVER 18 YEARS, TO LET ME COME BACK AND EXPERIENCE THE MARINE CORPS AGAIN IS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE. JUST REALLY DOES PROVE THE MARINE CORPS IS STILL ALWAYS FAITHFUL."

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**PATRICK MACDONALD**

**Sgt (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Specialist

### **HOMETOWN**

Colorado Springs, CO

### **EVENTS**

Archery, Cycling, Swimming, Wheelchair Basketball, and Wheelchair Rugby

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"I AM HONORED TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS AT THE WARRIOR GAMES, AND IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO COMPETE AGAINST FELLOW SERVICEMEMBERS ALONGSIDE MY FELLOW MARINES."

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**DONATO MEDINANIETO**

LCpl

**MOS**

**HOMETOWN**

**EVENTS**

Archery, Rowing, and Swimming







# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**RONNIE MILLS**

**1stSgt**

**MOS**

**HOMETOWN**

**EVENTS**

Archery, Rowing, and Swimming





# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**VICENTE NEVARES**

SSgt

### MOS

Ground Communication Repair

### HOMETOWN

Aurora, CO

### EVENTS

Archery, Track, Wheelchair Basketball, and Wheelchair Rugby

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*"BEING ABLE TO REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS AT THE WARRIOR GAMES MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME. I WANTED TO STAY IN AND CONTINUE SERVING, BUT THE WORLD HAD DIFFERENT PLANS FOR ME. BUT IF I MUST GO, THERE IS NO BETTER WAY I COULD IMAGINE LEAVING THE CORPS THAN TO REPRESENT IT AT THE WARRIOR GAMES."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**DANIEL NORMAN**

Cpl (Veteran)

### MOS

Radio Operator

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*"VERY HONORED AND HUMBLLED TO REPRESENT  
THE BEST BRANCH IN THE DOD."*

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### HOMETOWN

Salt Lake City, UT

### EVENTS

Field, Powerlifting, Rowing, Track,  
Wheelchair Basketball, and  
Wheelchair Rugby



# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**COREY PETERSON**

**SSgt (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Manpower/Admin

### **HOMETOWN**

Des Moines, IA

### **EVENTS**

Cycling, Field, and Track

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*"VERY EXCITED TO REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS!  
I BELIEVE IN THE BROTHERHOOD AND NEVER LOST  
IT EVEN IN RETIREMENT. I NEVER WILL LOSE MY  
ESPIRIT DE CORPS. HOORAH"*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**WILLIAM PIECZARKA**

**MSgt**

### **MOS**

Motor Transportation Operations  
Chief

### **HOMETOWN**

Springfield, MA

### **EVENTS**

Cycling, Shooting, Sitting  
Volleyball, Swimming,  
Wheelchair Basketball, and  
Wheelchair  
Rugby

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*"IT IS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD FROM  
THE FRONT IN A INJURIES PERSPECTIVE AND PROVE  
THAT NO INJURY DEFINES US AND STOPS US FROM  
PROGRESSING. WE ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST AND  
REPRESENTING THE MARINE CORPS, THE UNITED  
STATES, AND WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT IS AN  
HONOR TO UPHOLD THAT TRADITION OF ALWAYS  
FIGHTING TILL WE WIN."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**WESLEY PINCINCE**

LCpl (Veteran)

**MOS**

**HOMETOWN**

**EVENTS**

Cycling, Field, Rowing, and  
Sitting Volleyball





# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**CYDNEY ROSE**

**1stSgt**

### **MOS**

Senior Enlisted Advisor

### **HOMETOWN**

Mobile, AL

### **EVENTS**

Golf, Powerlifting,  
Shooting,  
Sitting Volleyball, and  
Swimming





# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**FLOYD RUDE**

SSgt

### MOS

Infantry Unit Leader

### HOMETOWN

Bowling Green, OH

### EVENTS

Field, Golf, Rowing, and Swimming

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*"THIS IS A VERY HUMBLING EXPERIENCE. I WENT FROM OPERATING AT A VERY HIGH-LEVEL TRAINING AND LEADING MARINES TO NOTHING DUE TO MULTIPLE INJURIES AND SURGERIES BACK-TO-BACK. TO BE ABLE TO BOUNCE BACK FROM THAT AND FIND NEW ACTIVITIES THAT I LOVE AND REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS IN THE PROCESS IS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR. THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM IS MEANT FOR REHABILITATION AND HELPING MARINES FIND A PURPOSE EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE INJURED AND HAVE A NEW PATH IN LIFE. THE PROGRAM HAS GIVEN ME A NEW OUTLOOK AND I AM HONORED TO REPRESENT AND SHOW OTHER MILITARY MEMBERS THAT AS LONG AS YOU KEEP PUSHING AND FIGHTING THEN YOU CAN OVERCOME THE ADVERSITY LIFE THROWS AT YOU."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**NINA SASSANO**

**Sgt**

### **MOS**

IMRL Asset Manager

### **HOMETOWN**

Santa Clarita, CA

### **EVENTS**

Archery, Field, Shooting,  
Swimming, and  
Wheelchair  
Rugby

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*"FOR ME, IT HAS GIVEN ME A SENSE OF DRIVE AND PURPOSE TO PUSH THROUGH PAIN PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY AND FEEL ACCOMPLISHED IN ALL THAT I DO. I HAVE NEVER PARTICIPATED IN ANY SPORT THAT I AM CURRENTLY COMPETING IN. IT NOT ONLY IS A ONE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE, IT BRINGS JOY AND FULFILLMENT IN MY LIFE TO KEEP THE DRIVE OF NEVER GIVING UP, NO MATTER WHAT CHALLENGES I FACE."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**MICHAEL SCOTT**

SSgt

### **MOS**

Motor Transportation  
Operations Chief

### **HOMETOWN**

Levittown, PA

### **EVENTS**

Archery, Powerlifting,  
Sitting Volleyball, and  
Wheelchair Basketball

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*"IT'S AN HONOR. BUT NOT NECESSARILY TO BE ABLE TO SHOWCASE MY TALENTS AND BE INCLUDED IN THE EVENTS. IT'S TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE WITH MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO ARE DOWN FOR THE CAUSE. THAT CAUSE BEING BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE MARINE CORPS AND EVERYONE A PART OF THAT ORGANIZATION."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**AUSTIN SMITH**

**LCpl (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Heavy Equipment Operator

### **HOMETOWN**

Robinson, TX

### **EVENTS**

Archery, Cycling,  
Field, Rowing, Sitting  
Volleyball, and  
Wheelchair Basketball





# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**JACK STANFIELD**

**SSgt (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Food Service Specialist

### **HOMETOWN**

Bargersville, Indiana

### **EVENTS**

Cycling, Field, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming, Wheelchair Basketball, and Wheelchair Rugby

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*"IT'S AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO BE A COMBAT VETERAN AND REPRESENT FOR THE MARINES. FOR SIX YEARS I HAVE BEEN RETIRED AND TRYING TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AND I FINALLY MADE IT. THE BROTHERHOOD WE HAVE IS BEYOND STRONG—IT'S A FAMILY AND WHEN YOU ARE GONE IT'S HARD. TO BE BACK IS AMAZING."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**TAYLOR TERRELL**

**Sgt**

### **MOS**

Data Systems Administrator

### **HOMETOWN**

Detroit, MI

### **EVENTS**

Cycling, Sitting Volleyball, and Swimming

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*"IT'S A GREAT FEELING TO BE ABLE TO REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS IN COMPETITION AFTER LIFE-CHANGING INJURIES, INJURIES THAT SOME THOUGHT I WOULDN'T COME BACK FROM."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**QUINTON UMBERGER**

Cpl (Veteran)

### MOS

Motor Transport Mechanic

### HOMETOWN

Acworth, GA

### EVENTS

Cycling, Golf, Shooting,  
Sitting Volleyball, and  
Wheelchair Basketball

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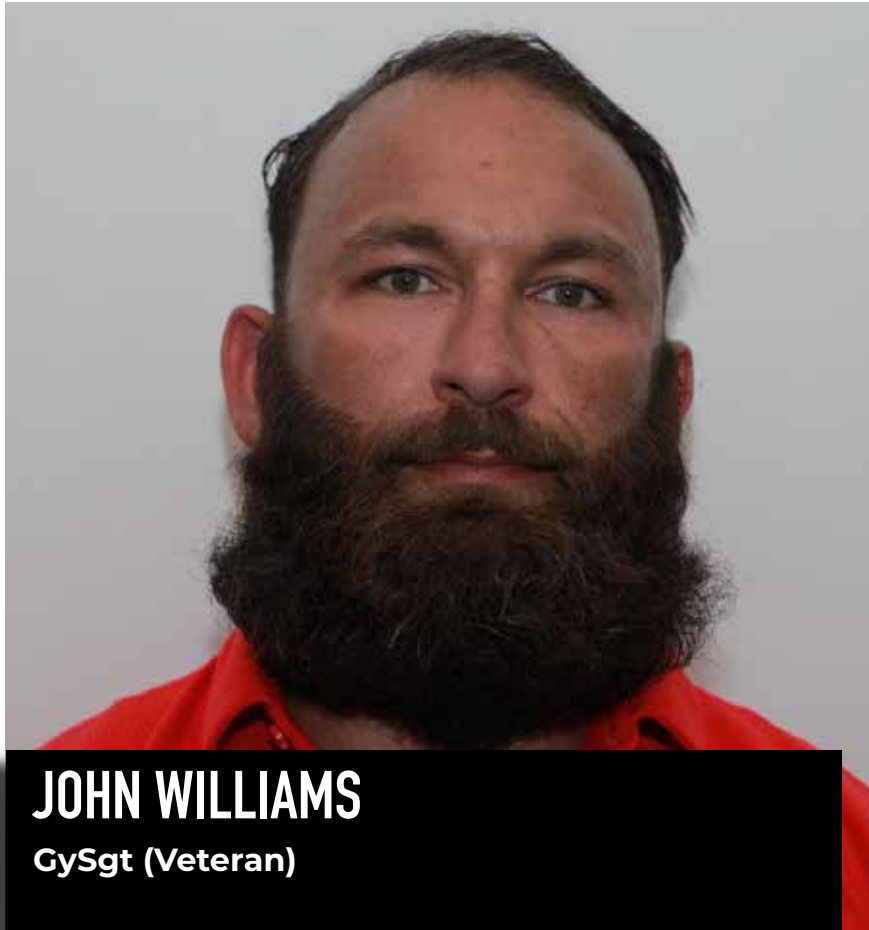
*"COMPETING IS A TESTAMENT TO NOT ONLY MY RESILIENCE AND ATHLETICISM AFTER A MAJOR LIFE ALTERING ACCIDENT, BUT IT ALSO SHOWS THAT NO MATTER WHAT CONDITION OR CIRCUMSTANCE, MARINES ALWAYS WORK TOGETHER AND ARE FIERCELY COMPETITIVE."*

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# THE ATHLETES

## MARINE CORPS ATHLETE



**JOHN WILLIAMS**

**CySgt (Veteran)**

### **MOS**

Infantry Unit Leader

### **HOMETOWN**

Jacksonville, NC

### **EVENTS**

Field, Powerlifting, Rowing, Sitting Volleyball, Track, and Wheelchair Rugby

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*"IT MEANS I AM STILL IN THE FIGHT. AS A COMBAT WOUNDED VETERAN, I STILL HAVE A LOT OF FIGHT LEFT IN ME AND I WANT TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT THE MARINE CORPS IS THE BEST AT EVERYTHING WE DO AND THAT THE VETERAN COMMUNITY HAS A LOT TO OFFER AT THESE GAMES AND AT HOME. I AM PROUD TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS."*

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# THE EVENTS

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### 0.1 ARCHERY

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The Archery Competition is composed of two major events; the Individual and Team competitions. Athletes compete using either a compound or recurve bow across five classification categories. Male and female athletes compete against each other in all competitions and shoot at a distance of 18 meters from the shooting line the target face. An athlete's bow type is determined by their personal preference.



### 0.2 CYCLING

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The Cycling Competition is composed of two major events; the Road Race and the Time Trial competitions. Athletes may compete in one or both competitions riding one of five different cycle types across 16 classification categories. Apart from the two tandem cycle events, male and female athletes compete separately in all competitions racing different distances based upon cycle type, gender, and classification category. An athlete's cycle type is determined by their classification category (i.e. Upright Cycle, Recumbent Cycle, Handcycle Cycle, Tandem Upright Bicycle).



### 0.3 FIELD

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The Field Competition is composed of two major events; the Discus and Shot Put/Club competitions. Athletes may compete in one or both competitions either standing or seated across 17 classification categories. Male and female athletes compete separately in all competitions and throw different implements by weight based upon gender and classification category.



### 0.4 GOLF

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The Golf Competition is a single event with an additional award for Service Team "High Three." Golf is an Open Classification sport; however, teeing locations are adjusted based upon gender, physical impairment category, and other athlete variables. Male and female athletes compete separately in the Individual Competition.



### 0.4 POWERLIFTING

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The Powerlifting Competition is a single event; the Bench Press competition. Powerlifting is an Open Classification sport regardless of impairment. Male and female athletes compete separately across seven bodyweight categories. Athletes will be given three attempts to achieve their best lift.



### 0.5 ROWING

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The Indoor Rowing Competition is composed of two major events; the 1-MIN Sprint and 4-MIN Race competitions. Athletes may compete in one or both competitions across eight classification categories. Male and female athletes compete separately in both competitions based upon their gender and classification category.



### 0.6 SHOOTING

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The Shooting Competition is composed of three major events; Air Rifle-Prone, Air Rifle-Standing, and Air Pistol competitions. Athletes may compete in no more than two of the three competitions across four classification categories for the air rifle and two classification categories for the air pistol. Male and female athletes compete against each other in all competitions and shoot at a distance of 10 meters from the firing line the electronic target.



# THE EVENTS

## EVENTS



### 0.7 SITTING VOLLEYBALL

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The Sitting Volleyball Tournament is one of three Team Sports Events at the DOD Warrior Games. Sitting Volleyball Teams consist of a maximum of 12 athletes of either the same or combined genders across three classification categories; Minimum, Moderate, and Maximum. Service Teams can field no more than six athletes, and no more than five of any one classification category, on the court at the same. The tournament consists of pool and bracket play to determine which teams contest for the Bronze and Gold Medals.



### 0.8 SWIMMING

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The Swimming Competition is composed of five major events; the 50M Freestyle, 100M Freestyle, 50M Backstroke, 50M Breaststroke, and 200M Relay Race competitions. Athletes may compete in all four individual competitions across thirteen classification categories. Relay Teams are comprised of four athletes with team composition determined by a classification number/point-based total. Athletes may compete as a member of only one relay team. Apart from the Combined Gender Relay Team, male and female athletes compete separately in all competitions.



### 0.9 TRACK

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The Field Competition is composed of two major events; the Discus and Shot Put/Club competitions. Athletes may compete in one or both competitions either standing or seated across 17 classification categories. Male and female athletes compete separately in all competitions and throw different implements by weight based upon gender and classification category.



### 0.10 WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

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The Wheelchair Basketball Tournament is one of three Team Sports Events at the DOD Warrior Games. Wheelchair Basketball Teams consist of a maximum of 10 athletes of either the same or combined genders across three classification categories; Minimum, Moderate, and Maximum. Service Teams can field no more than five athletes, and no more than four of any one classification category, on the court at the same. The tournament consists of pool and bracket play to determine which teams contest for the Bronze and Gold Medals.



### 0.11 WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

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The Wheelchair Rugby Tournament is one of three Team Sports Events at the DOD Warrior Games. Wheelchair Rugby Teams consist of a maximum of 10 athletes of either the same or combined genders across three classification categories; Minimum, Moderate, and Maximum. Service Teams can field no more than four athletes, and no more than three of any one classification category, on the court at the same. The tournament consists of pool and bracket play to determine which teams contest for the Bronze and Gold Medals.



# THE COACHES



**JON AHARONI**  
*SITTING VOLLEYBALL*



**JAIME BALTAZAR**  
*WHEELCHAIR BASEKETBALL*



**LJ BELSITO**  
*POWERLIFTING*



**ERIC BURKETT**  
*ARCHERY*



**JULIE CLARK**  
*ARCHERY*



**JONATHAN CLEMENS**  
*ARCHERY*



**JIM CUNNINGHAM**  
*CYCLING*



**PAUL DAVIS**  
*SHOOTING*



**MICHELLE FORD**  
*SWIMMING*



**DOUGLAS GODFREY**  
*SHOOTING*



**BRAD JOHNSON**  
*CYCLING*



**JESSICA JOHNSON**  
*ROWING*



**CHRIS LAFAURIE**  
*SITTING VOLLEYBALL*



**ANTHONY MCDANIEL**  
*WHEELCHAIR RUGBY*



**DAVE NEWKIRK**  
*SITTING VOLLEYBALL*



**LENNY.ODONNELL**  
*ROWING*

# THE COACHES



**MOE PHILLIPS**  
*WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL*



**AUSTIN PIPPIN**  
*SITTING VOLLEYBALL*



**MICHAEL PRIDE**  
*TRACK*



**BRAD ROYALL**  
*SHOOTING*



**ALAN SEKOWSKI**  
*EQUIP. MECHANIC*



**HOWELL SMITH**  
*WHEELCHAIR RUGBY*



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*FIELD*



**MEGAN TOMEI**  
*FIELD*



**MARCEL VIFIAN**  
*SWIMMING*



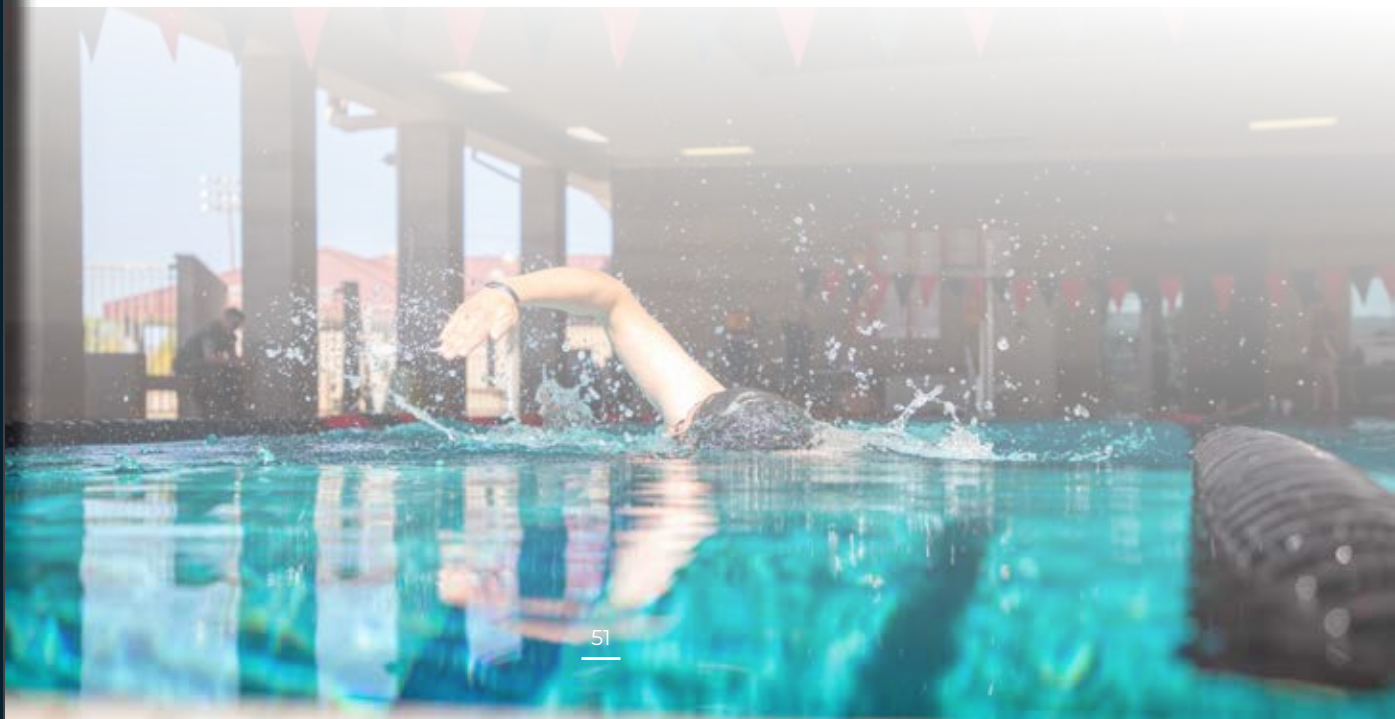
**RANDY VILLANUEVA**  
*CYCLING*



**ERICA WHEELER**  
*ULTIMATE CHAMPION*



**JOHN ZEITZ**  
*POWERLIFTING*



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