



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	ANGELO ANDERSON
Rank	Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class
Status	Active Duty
Service Branch and MOS	Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class
Hometown	Atlanta, Georgia
Current Location	Dahlgren, Virginia
Injury or Illness	Upper and lower extremity injuries sustained in combat in 2010
Event(s)	Track
Sports Highlights	Silver and bronze medals at the 2014 DoD Warrior Games; bronze medal at the 2014 Invictus Games; bronze medal at the 2015 DoD Warrior Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Anderson enlisted in the Navy in 2007. He always had been interested in a medical profession; however, achieving the necessary educational degrees would be time-consuming and expensive, so becoming a Navy hospital corpsman seemed like an ideal course of action. Anderson was injured during his first deployment. He was on patrol with Marines in Afghanistan when he sustained gunshot wounds to his right arm and thigh. He talked his comrades through his care while waiting to be evacuated by a helicopter. He considers himself fortunate to have survived the incident and credits it for changing his outlook on life. Anderson said, "I live life for what it is and to the fullest." Anderson has since returned to full duty and is working at the Branch Medical Clinic in Dahlgren, Virginia. He credits participation in the adaptive sports program with his increase in mental fortitude and physical capacity. He comes to the Invictus Games with an incredible sense of pride, dedication and motivation.



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NAME	SHAHNAZ ASKINS
Rank	Retired Navy Legalman 1st Class
Status	Retired/student
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Legalman 1st Class
Hometown	San Diego, California
Current Location	Suffolk, Virginia
Injury or Illness	Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) sustained in combat in 2004 and chronic myofascial pain syndrome
Event(s)	Field, rowing and powerlifting
Sports Highlights	Competed in the 2014 and 2015 DoD Warrior Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Askins joined the Navy in December 1995, and while her family has an extensive military history, she was only the second woman in her family to serve. During her naval career, she enjoyed traveling the world and experiencing how other cultures live and the food they eat. She was deployed to Iraq (Fallujah) from April to October 2004, and her experiences in combat led to PTSD and other disabilities. Her condition was further aggravated during a subsequent deployment to Kuwait. Unfortunately, she did not receive treatment for her condition until 2009, when she was transferred off a ship and began the medical evaluation process. Askins officially medically retired in 2012, and in 2015 received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Regent University. Thereafter, she plans to pursue a master's degree. She is the proud mother of three children, Tristan, Dereck and Savannah. And, in July, she will be getting married to Wayne Deyette. An accomplished athlete who has participated in weightlifting and CrossFit competitions, Askins is extremely excited to be part of the U.S. team and compete at the Invictus Games.



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NAME	LETICIA BAUGHER
Rank	Retired Navy Chief Logistics Specialist
Status	Retired
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Chief Logistics Specialist
Hometown	Mexia, Texas
Current Location	Independence, Missouri
Injury or Illness	Serious injury
Event(s)	Cycling and rowing
Sports Highlights	Competed in the 2015 DoD Warrior Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Baugher joined the military in 1995 after being enrolled in the delayed entry program and graduating high school. She completed her basic training in Great Lakes, Ill., and was assigned to USS Frank Cable (AS 40). After completing four years of active duty Baugher got married and decided to terminate her active-duty status and join the Navy Reserve. She stayed in the Navy Reserve and followed her husband to various commands. Her last Reserve command was Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 54 (VR-54) at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, New Orleans. Baugher was deployed to Bahrain in March 2012 in support of NAVCENT/CTF-53. During her more than 18 years of service, she most enjoyed meeting new people at her various duty stations and traveling. She was deployed to Bahrain in January 2013 when she began experiencing debilitating back pain. She was immediately medevaced to Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany for surgery. She was diagnosed with lumbar radiculopathy, reflex sympathetic dystrophy, left foot drop, nerve damage, and other conditions. After her surgery and multiple complications, Baugher was medically separated from the Navy in May 2014, and today she continues to grapple with pain management and ongoing medical intervention. She became involved in adaptive sports, and she is enjoying the benefits it has afforded her. "Adaptive sports helped me see that there is more to life. It has helped me fill an emptiness that I have been feeling since being medically retired," she said. "I am honored and proud to represent the U.S. at the Invictus Games. I never in my life would have thought that I would be doing something as phenomenal as this!"



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	STEVEN DAVIS
Rank	Retired Navy Aviation Electrician's Mate
Status	Retired
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Aviation Electrician's Mate
Hometown	Modesto, California
Current Location	Salida, California
Injury or Illness	Lower-body injury sustained in a 2008 motorcycle accident
Event(s)	Sitting volleyball
Sports Highlights	Bronze and gold medal at the 2014 DoD Warrior Games; competed in the 2014 Invictus Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Davis joined the Navy shortly after high school in 2006 because he wanted to travel and see the world. His father was a sonar technician, and Davis chose to join the aviation community as an electrician. Always athletic growing up, baseball was his favorite sport, and he also enjoyed basketball, football and wrestling. His sports hero is basketball great Kobe Bryant. While assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Eight (HSC-8), Davis tried out for All-Navy baseball, and he had made it through the second round when he had to withdraw due to deployment work-ups. When Davis' subsequent motorcycle accident in 2008 claimed the use of his right leg, and after several years of trying to salvage the limb, he decided to have it amputated in 2015. He credits this decision and his involvement in adaptive sports with reigniting his competitive fire. He is currently playing wheelchair basketball with the Sacramento Rollin' Kings, a National Wheelchair Basketball Association team, and has participated in the USA Sitting Volleyball pipeline program since 2013. Additionally, he lives in Salida with his beautiful wife, Maricia, and their two sons, Johan and Galen. "I live and breathe sports, so competing in the Invictus Games again this year is a feeling I can't describe. It is another platform for me to better my life, and help spread the message of the amazing benefits of competition and healing through sports," said Davis.



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	JOHN EDMONSTON
Rank	Retired Navy Lieutenant
Status	Retired/Civilian employee for the Navy
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Lieutenant
Hometown	San Jose, California
Current Location	La Mesa, California
Injury or Illness	Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) sustained in a 2009 motorcycle accident
Event(s)	Swimming
Sports Highlights	Silver and gold medals at the 2014 DoD Warrior Games; competed in the 2014 Invictus Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Edmonston joined the Navy while attending California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He always had been interested in a military career, and when he heard about the Navy's nuclear engineering program, he was hooked. Edmonston said completing Navy Nuclear Power Training was one of the most challenging experiences of his life; he also found his subsequent work on USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) one of the most rewarding. He enjoyed hockey, dirt biking and volleyball, and his sports hero is Joe Montana – a great athlete and a good person. In 2009, while he was exiting the ferry from Seattle to Bremerton, Wash., he lost control of his motorcycle. He suffered a TBI; broke his arm, face and back; and sustained multiple other injuries. Edmonston was medically retired from the Navy in 2011, and since then he has worked as a civilian employee for the Navy. "I am proud to compete in the Invictus Games again. I am motivated by my team and by my desire to achieve greatness. I am ready to succeed," said Edmonston.



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	KRISTEN ESET (BURNS)
Rank	Retired Coast Guard Yeoman 3rd Class
Status	Retired
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Coast Guard Yeoman 3rd Class
Hometown	Beaufort, South Carolina
Current Location	Ridgeway, Virginia
Injury or Illness	Multiple injuries sustained in a serious accident involving a motor vehicle
Event(s)	Swimming
Sports Highlights	Competed in the 2015 DoD Warrior Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Esget enlisted in the Coast Guard in 2008 and trained as a yeoman. Just four years after her enlistment, she was hit by a motor vehicle. She sustained a traumatic brain injury and damaged her right knee. Additional effects of the accident included insomnia, aphasia, cognitive issues and loss of memory. Esget has worked hard throughout her recovery process; she has learned how to write again, but she still has trouble reading. Esget was separated from the Coast Guard in March 2012. Today, she teaches autism awareness, volunteers for a local rescue squad and assists Emergency Medical Technicians on preparing for their state practical exams. The adaptive sports program has had a major impact on her recovery. "Before they found me, I felt like I was always alone and no one understood what I was going through. I felt empty inside. Adaptive sports have helped me grow socially, emotionally, mentally and physically," said Esget. "During training camps we pushed each other to be better and improve. I felt like I was a part of something meaningful again," she continued. Through her training she has received tremendous support, not only from her family and friends, but from members of the local community including the rescue squadrons, fire departments, police, county dispatchers and hospital nurses. "It means so much to be able to represent the Coast Guard in the Invictus Games. I believe I am not only representing my service, but showing everyone I can do this! I want to encourage fellow wounded warriors that just because something is wrong with you does not mean you have to stop doing what you love," said Esget.



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	AUSTIN FIELD
Rank	Retired Navy Airman
Status	Retired
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Airman
Hometown	Elk City, Oklahoma
Current Location	Amarillo, Texas
Injury or Illness	Spinal cord injury sustained in a 2006 motor vehicle accident
Event(s)	Wheelchair tennis
Sports Highlights	Multiple triathlons and marathons; wheelchair tennis competitions

PERSONAL PROFILE

Field enlisted in the Navy just after finishing high school in 2004. His first duty station was Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 30 (VRC-30) in San Diego, California, where he deployed on USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) on a world cruise in 2005. The following year he was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident and sustained a spinal cord injury. Field has always been involved and passionate about sports. He was an avid tennis player in high school, and despite his injuries he continues to lead a very active lifestyle. He has competed in wheelchair tennis and in several triathlons and marathons, including the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon in 2014 – one of his proudest athletic achievements. Field credits adaptive sports as a major component to his success. “Adaptive sports have allowed me to set goals and focus on competing rather than thinking about the negative stuff,” said Field. He is extremely excited to be part of the U.S. team and compete at the Invictus Games. “I am thrilled to once again represent the United States and the United States Navy.”



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	JAIME GARZA
Rank	Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class
Status	Retired/Cyber Security Consultant with Garland Heart
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class
Hometown	The Colony, Texas
Current Location	Little Elm, Texas
Injury or Illness	Traumatic brain injury (TBI) from a fast-roping accident in 2010
Event(s) Sports Highlights	Discus, powerlifting and rowing Silver medal at the 2014 DoD Warrior Games; competed in the 2014 Invictus Games; competed in the 2015 DoD Warrior Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Garza enlisted in the Navy in 2008. His duty stations and deployments include Coronado, California; San Diego, California; 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, Afghanistan; and Twenty-nine Palms, California. In July 2010, while he was deployed to the Philippines, Garza was participating in a mission that involved fast-roping when he fell from a helicopter. He plummeted 60 feet and sustained multiple injuries, but continued on. He had suffered a TBI from the accident, but was not medically evacuated. He was diagnosed when he returned home, and was treated for vestibular, memory, cognitive and mental health issues; Garza was medically retired from the Navy in 2014. He attended the University of North Texas until his recent acceptance into a cyber security program at Syracuse University. He currently works as a cyber security consultant with Garland Heart. He lives with his wife, Brittney, and son, Braedyn. Garza has always been active in sports. In high school he played several varsity sports, including track and field, football, powerlifting and wrestling. Garza credits adaptive sports, especially powerlifting and field events, with playing a prominent role in his recovery and rehabilitation process. "Adaptive sports keeps me mentally and physically fit so that I can focus on the more challenging aspects of life," said Garza. He is thrilled to be competing again in the Invictus Games. "I am an athlete who proudly competes for my country and hopes to show everyone that the only limits we have in our lives are those that we put on ourselves."



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	ADAM HYGEMA
Rank	Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman
Status	Retired/Phlebotomist at West Georgia Health
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman
Hometown	Cudahy, Wisconsin
Current Location	Carrollton, Georgia
Injury or Illness	Multiple injuries, including an amputation sustained in a 2007 motor vehicle accident
Event(s)	Wheelchair basketball
Sports Highlights	Participated in wheelchair basketball at Auburn University

PERSONAL PROFILE

Hygema joined the Navy in 2006. His first duty station was Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, where he worked as a pharmacy technician. From there he attended Field Medical Training Battalion School at Camp Johnson, and after graduation was assigned to Naval Hospital Portsmouth, Virginia, where he worked in the wound care department for five months, until his accident. Hygema was ejected from a motor vehicle after striking a tree. His left foot was traumatically amputated, and his right shin was scraped raw against the grass and metal from the windshield; he also broke both arms and both femurs, and was medically discharged from the Navy. Since then he has earned an associate's degree in Computer Science from Strayer University and also has discovered adaptive athletics wheelchair basketball. "Adaptive athletics over the years has driven me to take care of myself and to help those in need. It also motivates me to compete and to continually better myself both mentally and physically," said Hygema. He is very proud to once again represent the Navy and compete in the Invictus Games. "I am an athlete, a son, a brother, a friend and a service member. I hope to inspire those who have fallen and help those in need," he said. Hygema currently works as a phlebotomist at West Georgia Health in LaGrange, Georgia, where he continues to improve his skills in the medical field. His mom, Kim; his stepdad, Ray; his dad, Loran; his stepmom, Melanie; and his girlfriend, Chelsea; inspire him to continue to do his best in all his endeavors.



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	STEPHEN MILLER
Rank	Retired Navy Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class
Status	Retired/student
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class
Hometown	Lakewood, Ohio
Current Location	Lakewood, Ohio
Injury or Illness	Invisible wounds
Event(s)	Rowing
Sports Highlights	Gold medal at the 2014 DoD Warrior Games; competed in the 2014 Invictus Games; competed in the 2015 DoD Warrior Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Miller is from Lakewood, Ohio, where he grew up running and competed in high school track and cross country. He joined the Navy as an aviation boatswain's mate, and served tours on USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), USS Tarawa (LHA 1) and USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). During his second enlistment, he became seriously ill with various cognitive disorders. He is now medically retired and enjoys participating in adaptive sports, which he said, "brought out the competitive side in me and, ultimately, the best in me." In addition to the Invictus Games and the Warrior Games, Miller participates in sailing, rowing and the World T.E.A.M. Sports Face of America bike ride. He said that competing "means a great deal because it makes me feel needed and appreciated. I am able to reach out to others and make new bonds." One of his fondest memories in adaptive sports is winning the gold medal in the 1500-meter track competition during the 2014 Warrior Games. Miller is very excited about competing in the Invictus Games. He said, "The games inspire me to share my experiences, recovery and memories not only with the United States athletes but with our allies and comrades."



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	ADRIAN MOHAMMED
Rank	Retired Navy Master-at-Arms 2nd Class
Status	Retired
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Master-at-Arms 2nd Class
Hometown	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Current Location	Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
Injury or Illness	Traumatic brain injury (TBI), Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), visual impairment, hearing loss, and other injuries sustained in combat in 2004
Event(s)	Track and cycling
Sports Highlights	Gold and bronze medals at the 2015 DoD Warrior Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Mohammed served six years in the Navy as a master-at-arms. He is currently retired and residing in Oconomowoc, Wis., with his wife, Grace. In May 2004, he was injured while on patrol in the Middle East. His injuries include post-traumatic stress, visual impairment, a traumatic brain injury, hearing loss, orthopedic injuries, facial paralysis and jaw reconstruction problems. His injuries have not prohibited him from setting goals for the future. Maintaining his physical and mental health are important priorities in his recovery goals. Adaptive sports and his faith in God have given life more meaning for him. "It is hard to find things to do that offer gratification in my current condition. The opportunities provided by the Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor program have brought enjoyment and emotional stability to my life," said Mohammed. Mohammed looks forward to competing in the Invictus Games. "The Invictus Games give me chances to not only represent my country but to expand my hindered social life and reach outside of my comfort zone."



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	BRETT PARKS
Rank	Retired Naval Aircrewman
Status	Retired/ National motivational speaker
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Naval Aircrewman
Hometown	Miami, Florida
Current Location	Jacksonville, Florida
Injury or Illness	Lower-leg amputee and other injuries sustained after a gunshot wound in 2012
Event(s)	Swimming and sitting volleyball
Sports Highlights	Two-time outstanding wide receiver at Miami Palmetto Senior High School; awarded a football scholarship to Carson Newman College; won the national championship for sitting volleyball at the USA Volleyball Open Nationals in Phoenix, Arizona, as a member of the USA Sitting Volleyball A2 team; gold and bronze medals in the 2014 DoD Warrior Games; competed in the 2014 Invictus Games; silver and bronze medals in the 2015 DoD Warrior Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

While training to become an aviation flight engineer, Parks was wounded in 2012 in Jacksonville, Fla., when he came to the aid of a man being robbed at gunpoint. Parks – a husband and father with three children – was preparing to conduct a training session at his gym when he heard a man scream behind the fitness center and decided to intervene. Two gunshots were fired at Parks; the first shot hit his abdomen, but the second shot missed him. While in a coma for 20 days, Parks' lower right leg was amputated, and he spent four months recovering from his wounds and learning how to use a prosthetic limb. In addition to his athletic ambitions, Parks has published a book about his experiences titled "Miracle Man." Parks also has established an organization called Second Shot Ministry, which enables him to share his faith and journey toward recovery. He serves as a motivational speaker and travels the nation, visiting schools, churches and companies. In addition to the Invictus Games, Parks is a five-time medalist in the Warrior Games, and he also competes with the USA Sitting Volleyball A2 team. Parks said, "Adaptive sports help me get out of bed in the morning. Being severely injured like most of us are, it's tough to find any positives to live for, but knowing we're a part of a team helps us get up and work to better ourselves, one day at a time."



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	JASON REYES
Rank	Retired Navy Fire Controlman 3rd Class
Status	Retired
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Fire Controlman 3rd Class
Hometown	Miami, Florida
Current Location	Temecula, California
Injury or Illness	Spinal cord injury sustained in a 2011 motorcycle accident
Event(s)	Wheelchair basketball
Sports Highlights	Competed in the 2015 WCMX World Championships

PERSONAL PROFILE

Reyes joined the Navy in 2009 and completed basic training in Great Lakes, Ill. He continued his military career at Naval Support Activity Dahlgren, Virginia, and was then assigned to USS Princeton (CG 59) at Naval Base San Diego, California. In 2001, while stationed in California, Reyes lost control of his motorcycle and sustained a punctured lung and a spinal cord injury. Reyes was then transitioned out of the military. Two years after his accident, he started competing in wheelchair motor cross (WCMX). WCMX involves performing stunts and tricks in a wheelchair at a skate park. He placed 4th overall in the 2015 WCMX World Championships, and he is the eighth person in the world to be able to demonstrate a backflip in a wheelchair. Reyes also plays wheelchair basketball with the San Diego Wolfpack team. He credits adaptive sports and participation in the 2016 Invictus Games with his motivation to keep progressing and to never quit. "Being able to represent the United States means everything to me and gives me a strong sense of pride – wearing the colors I would give my all to defend. Adaptive sports help me to feel I have the abilities to be successful, regardless of my physical condition," said Reyes. Reyes currently lives in Temecula, California, with his wife Janet, and their 6-year-old son, Jason, and 5-year-old daughter, Janice.



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME JAVIER D. RODRIGUEZ SANTIAGO

Rank Retired Navy Chief Yeoman

Status Retired

Service Branch and MOS Retired Navy Chief Yeoman

Hometown Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Current Location Saint Cloud, Florida

Injury or Illness Above-the-knee amputee (left leg), injured in a 2011 motorcycle accident

Event(s) Wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball and wheelchair tennis

Sports Highlights Gold, silver and bronze medals at the 2014 DoD Warrior Games; competed in the 2014 National Wheelchair Basketball Association National Championships; competed in the 2014 Invictus Games; silver and bronze medals at the 2015 DoD Warrior Games; silver medal at the 2015 Defi Sportif Altergo (Canada); competed in the 2015 USA Volleyball Open National Championships

PERSONAL PROFILE

Born and raised in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, Rodriguez Santiago enlisted in the Navy in 2002 wanting to serve his country while exploring the world. His duty stations included USS Montpelier (SSN 765) in Norfolk, Virginia; Navy Officer Recruiting Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico; an Individual Augmentee deployment to Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; USS North Carolina (SSN 777) in Groton, Connecticut, and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS). Prior to his injury, Rodriguez Santiago enjoyed playing basketball and beach volleyball. A victim of a hit-and-run accident while riding his motorcycle in January 2011, he sustained severe trauma to his lower extremities. Since then, he has battled through extensive surgeries and physical therapy, and ultimately had his left leg amputated above the knee. After the surgery, Santiago has been more mobile, and credits adaptive sports as an essential part of his recovery. "I have always had a positive attitude, but adaptive sports showed me that anything can be achieved, no matter the circumstances. Adaptive sports gave me the courage to overcome my day-to-day challenges. I constantly look forward to playing sports so that I can show my wounded brothers that life does go on," he said. One of his proudest athletic achievements was competing in the 2014



Invictus Games and playing wheelchair basketball in front of a crowd of more than 7,000 people. Rodriguez is currently in the pipeline to compete on the USA Sitting Volleyball team in the 2020 Paralympics, and he also plays in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association League with the Orlando Magic Wheels. He is married to Edna, and he has a son, Eddier, and a daughter, Aulani.

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NAME	MICHAEL ROGGIO
Rank	Retired Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class
Status	Retired
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class
Hometown	Orlando, Florida
Current Location	Orlando, Florida
Injury or Illness	TBI and spinal cord injury sustained in an accident at an aircraft hangar
Event(s)	Swimming
Sports Highlights	Competed in the 2014 DoD Warrior Games; bronze medal at the 2015 DoD Warrior Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Roggio joined the Navy in 2006 to see the world and to right some of the wrongs he experienced growing up. During his naval career, he particularly enjoyed working on drug and human trafficking enforcement missions, as well as executing rescues. In 2009, shortly after returning home from deployment, he was injured in the aircraft hangar at Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 46 (HSL-46). He could not stand up or move his legs after his injury, and was later diagnosed with spinal cord damage and a traumatic brain injury (TBI). He spent years rehabilitating and recovering the full use of this limbs. In 2009 he earned a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Roggio retired from the Navy in 2013. He is currently focused on his recovery, hoping to reach a point where he can be independent of a caregiver. He said adaptive sports have been a very positive influence throughout that process. "I am an athlete that never gives up. I was given a dismal chance at recovery and that did not stop me. I rebuilt my life from the ground up and I want to motivate others to fight the odds and find quality in life again," said Roggio.



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NAME	MAX ROHN
Rank	Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class
Status	Retired/Student
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class
Hometown	Longmont, Colorado
Current Location	State College, Pennsylvania
Injury or Illness	Below-the-knee amputee (right leg), wounded in combat in 2009
Event(s)	Field
Sports Highlights	Multiple gold, silver and bronze medals at the DoD Warrior Games; made the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Team for shot put in the summer of 2013; competed in the 2014 Invictus Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Rohn joined the Navy simply because he knew he could help. After graduating from high school, he earned his emergency medical technician certification and had been volunteering as a firefighter in Colorado. Through his passion for the medical field he found his calling as a Navy corpsman, and served with Marine Corps units. In January 2009, he was serving with a Marine Corps police transition team in Iraq when his Humvee was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. He underwent 14 surgeries on his right leg over a period of more than two years to try to salvage his limb. He attended the Warrior Games in 2011, and it changed his life. After seeing other wounded warriors accomplish incredible feats on the playing field, he decided to have his right leg amputated below the knee later that year. Since then, Rohn's physical and emotional health has improved dramatically, and he has redoubled his efforts in sports. Now retired from military service, he is attending Penn State University and competing internationally through the school's ability athletics program. A seasoned athlete who has attended three consecutive Warrior Games, Rohn mentors other wounded warrior athletes. His fondest adaptive sports memory was competing in the inaugural Invictus Games. He participated in track and field and seated volleyball. He won the gold medal for men's discus and shot put, and placed second with the U.S. volleyball team.



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	HENRY SAWYER
Rank	Retired Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class
Status	Retired/Student
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class
Hometown	Callahan, Florida
Current Location	Callahan, Florida
Injury or Illness	Sustained a spinal cord injury while participating in a semi-pro football game
Event(s)	Wheelchair rugby
Sports Highlights	Competed in the 2014 DoD Warrior Games; competed in three National Veterans Wheelchair Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Sawyer was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida. He grew up playing football and always has loved sports. Through the Jacksonville Job Corps, he earned his high school diploma and learned to be an electrician. Always looking for an adventure, he joined the Navy in 2004 and soon became an electrician's mate. He served two tours on USS Boone (FFG28) and USS Farragut (DDG99), conducting counter narcotics operations and theater security cooperation exercises in the Caribbean and South America. He loved to travel, especially the opportunity to visit countries such as Brazil, Chile, Peru, Argentina, Panama and Costa Rica. Once back on shore, he was stationed at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, where he was injured while playing semi-pro football with the Jacksonville Panthers in March 2010. Sawyer has been medically retired and lives in Callahan, Florida, with his wife Lusanda, and their four sons. Sawyer credits participating in adaptive sports as an imperative part of his recovery. "Not only does adaptive sports help me stay fit, it helps me emotionally by connecting me with fellow wounded warriors so we can lean on and support each other," he said.



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NAME	STEVEN SIMMONS
Rank	Retired Navy Lt.
Status	Retired
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Lt.
Hometown	Perry, Ohio
Current Location	South Jordan, Utah
Injury or Illness	Serious injury
Event(s)	Track
Sports Highlights	Gold and silver medals at the 2015 DoD Warrior Games; member of the Utah Wheelin Jazz; competed at the 2015 Marine Corps Marathon; competed at the 2016 Top End Euro-American Handcycling Championship

PERSONAL PROFILE

In 2014, Simmons was medically retired from the Navy after more than 16 years of dedicated service. Just a few years earlier, Simmons began experiencing health problems that were later attributed to his deployment to Japan to aid victims of the March 2011 Fukushima earthquake and tsunami, as well as the radioactive fallout from the city's disabled nuclear plant. His degenerative condition has resulted in a T3 spinal cord injury and confined him to a wheelchair. Thankfully, adaptive sports have given him a new sense of purpose. He said, "Sports have been extremely therapeutic and have given me an outlet and a family, which ultimately made my relationship with my own wife and family even stronger." Simmons had hoped to serve in the Navy for more than 30 years before his career was cut short. He said his wife Summer and their three children have been incredibly supportive. "They provide the encouragement and love that keeps me going." Simmons now resides in South Jordan, Utah, with his wife, Summer, and their three children, Candice, Taylor and Randall. Competing at this year's Invictus Games is the pinnacle of his adaptive sports career — only a year and a half after he credits the Navy Wounded Warrior – Safe Harbor Adaptive Sports Program for saving his life. According to Simmons, having the opportunity to proudly represent the Navy and his great nation and feel the bonds of brotherhood once more is the driving force for his desire to compete. "I compete to inspire other wounded veterans and other individuals who deal with serious injuries or illness. There is hope and you are not defined by your disability. It means you find a new way to do the things you love," he said.



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	SADIE STRONG
Rank	Retired Navy Airman
Status	Retired
Service Branch and MOS	Retired Navy Airman
Hometown	Bel Air, Maryland
Current Location	Bel Air, Maryland
Injury or Illness	Invisible wounds
Event(s)	Archery
Sports Highlights	Gold medal at the 2014 Warrior Games; gold medals at the 2015 DoD Warrior Games

PERSONAL PROFILE

Strong joined the Navy in January 2012 because she wanted to make a difference and to be part of something bigger than herself. During her first assignment she was stationed with Patrol Squadron 46. In 2012, she deployed to Bahrain and Qatar, and in October that year, Strong was assaulted; she was later diagnosed with post-traumatic stress because of the experience. She was subsequently medically separated from the Navy. Strong is grateful for her participation in adaptive sports, and is eager to compete at the Invictus Games. “Adaptive sports saved me when I was still on active duty,” she said. “I was going through the toughest time in my life, and learning these new sports helped me. Shooting and archery are mental games. They make you focus on one thing and everything else in your mind gets put on the back burner. It was my healthy escape.” She looks forward to achieving lifetime memories during the Invictus Games and hopes to encourage others from around the world to feel that there is hope and we can all get through our struggles.