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## ARMY TEAM ATHLETES WIN GOLD IN CYCLING AT 2014 WARRIOR GAMES

**Colorado Springs, CO**. – Army team wounded warrior athletes Jorge Avalos (Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas), Katie Kuiper (Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas), Samantha Goldenstein (Warrior Transition Unit, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri), and Jason Blair (Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Belvoir, Virginia) medaled in yesterday's Warrior Games Cycling competitions. Their performances exemplified the resilient spirit of all Soldiers.

Medalists in Cycling include, and the full results can be found at <a href="http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Military/Warrior-Games-presented-by-Deloitte/Competition-Results">http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Military/Warrior-Games-presented-by-Deloitte/Competition-Results</a>

Men's Bicycle Physical Disability (30 Kilometers) Classification C5

Gold Medal: Jorge Avalos, U.S. Army

Silver Medal: Francisco Lopez, U.S. Marine Corps

Bronze Medal: Jerry Hochstedler, U.S. Special Operations Command

Women's Open Bicycle (20 Kilometers) Gold Medal: Katie Kuiper, U.S. Army

Silver Medal: Samantha Goldenstein, U.S. Army

Bronze Medal: Ashley Ritchey, U.S. Special Operations Command

Men's Recumbent Bicycle

Gold Medal: Adam Vickery, U.S. Marine Corps

Silver Medal: Jason Blair, U.S. Army

Bronze Medal: Levi Marshall, U.S. Marine Corps

The 2014 Warrior Games showcase the resilient spirit of today's wounded, ill or injured service members and Veterans from all branches of the military. After overcoming significant physical and behavioral health injuries, these athletes prove that life can continue after becoming wounded, ill or injured.

Since 2010, approximately 200 wounded, ill and injured service members and Veterans have competed annually at the Warrior Games, a unique partnership between the Department of Defense

and U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympic Military Program. Athletes representing the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Special Operations compete for gold in each of seven sports:

- Archery
- Cycling
- Shooting
- Sitting Volleyball

- Swimming
- Track and Field
- Wheelchair Basketball

For more information on the Warrior Games and the latest news and results visit <a href="http://www.WTC.army.mil/warrior\_games/warrior\_games\_2014.html">http://www.WTC.army.mil/warrior\_games/warrior\_games\_2014.html</a>

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