

Navy Athletes Selected to Participate in the 2015 Department of Defense Warrior Games

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Forty seriously wounded, ill and injured athletes have been selected to represent the Navy during the 2015 Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games June 19-28 in Quantico, Virginia.

Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) - Safe Harbor is the Navy and Coast Guard's wounded warrior support program. Each of the Team Navy athletes is enrolled in the program, which has provided them with non-medical care and connected their families and caregivers to resources and support. NWW also links enrollees to adaptive sports opportunities, including the annual DoD Warrior Games.

"This year's Team Navy roster includes wounded warrior athletes in various stages of recovery, who face a wide range of life-altering medical conditions," said NWW Director Capt. Brent Breining. "Although each has a different situation, they are united by a common purpose: to honor their military family, as well as their own families and friends, by competing to the very best of their abilities."

The athletes' skills were evaluated last month during the Wounded Warrior Pacific Trials, which brought together nearly 70 wounded warriors at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii. The roster was assembled after careful consultation with Team Navy's experienced coaching staff. The roster is provided below:

Team Navy 2015 Roster

Retired Navy Construction Mechanic 1st Class Rory Aguilar
Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Angelo Anderson
Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Jorge Arreola
Retired Navy Legalman 1st Class Shahnaz Askins
Retired Navy Chief Logistics Specialist Leticia Baugher
Navy Fire Controlman 2nd Class Michael Byars
Coast Guard Electrician's Mate 1st Class Jamie Byrd
Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Brian Canich
Retired Navy Honorary Chief Boatswain's Mate Jim Castaneda
Retired Navy Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Nathan Dewalt
Navy Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class John Dusseau
Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Jacob Emmott
Retired Coast Guard Yeoman 3rd Class Kristen Esget
Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Roel Espino
Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Isaac Francois
Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Jaime Garza
Navy Engineman 3rd Class Jerrod Griffin
Navy Lt. Cmdr. Maria Gomez-Mannix
Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Nathaniel Hamilton

Retired Navy Sonar Technician (Surface) 3rd Class Douglas Hill
Retired Navy Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Aircraft Handling) 3rd Class Donald Jackson
Retired Coast Guard Electrician's Mate 1st Class Paul Johnson
Retired Coast Guard Lt. Sancho Johnson
Retired Navy Aviation Structural Mechanic 1st Class Steven Lee
Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Sonny Lemerande
Navy Chief Logistics Specialist Averill Malone
Retired Navy Aviation Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Stephen Miller
Retired Navy Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Adrian Mohammed
Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Thomas Murphy
Retired Navy Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Kenyactha Myers
Retired Navy Airman Brett Parks
Retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Scott Radetski
Retired Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Redmond Ramos
Retired Navy Aviation Electronics Technician 3rd Class Kathleen Ray
Navy Senior Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Ryan Reese
Retired Navy Chief Yeoman Javier Rodriguez Santiago
Retired Navy Aviation Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Michael Roggio
Retired Navy Lt. j.g. Steven Simmons
Retired Navy Airman Sadie Strong
Retired Navy Chief Gunner's Mate Hector Varela

Team Navy brings together active duty and retired Sailors and Coast Guardsmen from around the country, both from enlisted and officer communities. During the DoD Warrior Games they will compete in archery, cycling, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field, and wheelchair basketball. This year also brings a new exhibition sport, wheelchair rugby. Team Navy will compete against teams from the other services and from U.S. Special Operations Command and Great Britain. The athletes will come together for the first time as a team at a training camp in May at Naval Base Ventura County, California.

NWW is one of more than 50 quality of life programs for which the Navy's shore enterprise is responsible. Supporting the Fleet, Fighter and Family, Navy Installations Command is comprised of more than 50,000 Sailors and civilian employees located at 70 installations under 11 regions worldwide.

To learn more about NWW, the DoD Warrior Games and adaptive athletics, visit <http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil>; call 855-NAVY WWP (628-9997) or email navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil.

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