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Wounded, Ill and Injured Army Athletes Will Fight for Gold at 2014 Warrior Games

Alexandria, Va. – The U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command (WTC) announces the 40 wounded, ill and injured soldiers and veterans representing Team Army at the 2014 Warrior Games. Army athletes compete in seven sports against Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Special Operations Command teams September 28-October 4, 2014, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center Colorado Springs, Colorado.

“The men and women who represent the Army team at this year’s Warrior Games are true soldiers, echoing the warrior ethos of never quitting or accepting defeat,” said Col. Chris Toner, Commander, U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command and Assistant Surgeon General for Warrior Care and Transition. “This competition is more than athletic prowess or a medal count. Warrior Games is a platform for wounded, ill and injured soldiers and veterans to showcase their strength and highlight the power of resilience in the face of adversity.”

The soldiers and veterans competing for the 2014 Army Warrior Games Team are:

- Spc. Quinatrious Almon – 287th Transportation Company, Anniston, Alabama
- Maj. John Arbino – Veteran, Williamsburg, Virginia
- Sgt. 1st Class Charles Armstead – Veteran, Killeen, Texas
- Staff Sgt. Allan Armstrong – Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Maryland
- Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Avalos – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Sgt. Kadina Baldwin – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
- Capt. Frank Barroqueiro – Veteran, Gainesville, Georgia
- Spc. Jason Blair – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
- Staff Sgt. Brian Boone – 187th Medical Battalion, San Antonio, Texas
- Sgt. Jessica Brennan – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Gordon, Georgia
- Staff Sgt. Carlton Duncan – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- 1st Lt. Kelly Elmlinger – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Staff Sgt. Chanda Gaeth – Veteran, Kempner, Texas
- Master Sgt. Rhoden Galloway – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Sgt. 1st Class Samantha Goldenstein – Warrior Transition Unit, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
- Sgt. Vester Hasson – Utah National Guard, Medical Command
- Sgt. Scotty Hasting – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas
- Sgt. Sean Hook – Veteran, Summerville, South Carolina
- Staff Sgt. Sean Johnson – Veteran, North Dakota
- Staff Sgt. Ollie Knowland – U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz, Kaiserslautern, Germany
- Sgt. 1st Class Katie Kuiper – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Spc. Amanda Lyle – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
- Sgt. Delvin Maston – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Sgt. 1st Class Andrew McCaffrey – Veteran, Arlington, Virginia
- Staff Sgt. Billy Meeks – Veteran, Las Cruces, New Mexico
- Sgt. Kawaiola Nahale – Warrior Transition Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

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- Maj. Raymond O'Donnell – Pacific Regional Medical Command, Hawaii
- Sgt. Anne Oravec – Veteran, Denver, Colorado
- Spc. Jennifer Pariona – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
- Capt. Michael Phillips – Veteran, Hamilton, Georgia
- Staff Sgt. Isaac Rios – Warrior Transition Battalion, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
- Staff Sgt. Alexander Shaw – Veteran, Clarksville, Tennessee
- Sgt. 1st Class Mike Smith – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Sgt. Matthew Spang – Veteran, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Sgt. Monica Southall – Veteran, Henrico, Virginia
- Spc. Willie Stafford – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia
- Sgt. Erin Stewart – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas
- Spc. James Taylor – Veteran, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin Trescott – Veteran, Clarksville, Tennessee
- Staff Sgt. Petrina Williams – Warrior Transition Battalion, Fort Benning, Georgia

Wounded, ill and injured service members compete in archery, cycling, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, track and field and wheelchair basketball in this Paralympic-style competition. In addition to winners in each event, Warrior Games features a pentathlon format Ultimate Warrior competition and the Chairman's Cup, awarded to the team with the highest medal score.

Each branch is responsible for selecting its own team. To select the Army athletes, this year WTC hosted the U.S. Army Warrior Trials in June, inviting other services to compete against Army athletes in the seven Warrior Games events. The most competitive times and scores from the Army Warrior Trials helped determine which soldiers and veterans would compete for the Army team at the 2014 Warrior Games.

The U.S. Army Warrior Transition Command (WTC) is a major subordinate command under the U.S. Army Medical Command. WTC provides oversight for the Warrior Care and Transition Program that is implemented at the Army's 26 Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) and through the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2). At WTUs, each soldier develops a personalized comprehensive transition plan (CTP) with short- and long-term goals in six domains: physical, social, spiritual, emotional, family and career. Adaptive reconditioning activities like sports connect physical activities to the six domains of the individual's CTP. For more information on the Warrior Transition Command or the Army's Warrior Games team visit: www.WTC.army.mil, follow on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/armyWTC> or Twitter at <http://twitter.com/armyWTC>.

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