



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME PEDRO "ERNESTO" AQUINO

Rank E-7/Gunnery Sergeant

Status Active Duty

Service Branch and MOS USMC/0411 Maintenance Management Specialist

Hometown Hawthorne, California

Current Location Dallas, Texas

Injury or Illness PTSD, TBI, Low Back Injury, Below Elbow Injury

Event(s) Shooting and Swimming

PERSONAL PROFILE

Gunnery Sgt. Aquino was born in El Salvador, Central America, and immigrated to the USA when he was nine years old. He was recruited out of Hawthorne, Calif., and earned the title of Marine on June 27, 1995. Gunnery Sgt. Aquino became a wounded warrior in the spring of 2012. He did three tours to Iraq and two to Afghanistan. He currently resides in Fallbrook, Calif., with his wife and four children.

His Warrior Games sports are swimming and air rifle shooting, and this will be his third year competing in the games. His first year, he won the gold medal in shooting by 1/10th of point, beating an outstanding Marine (Cpl. Angel Gomez). Last year, Cpl. Richard "Shaky Jake" Stalder and Gunnery Sgt. Aquino competed for gold and silver.

The hardest part of his recovery has been adjusting to the new "normal." Gunnery Sgt. Aquino believes the best part of the games is getting together with his brothers and sisters in arms and reminiscing on the old memories and making a lot of new ones.

