



WARRIOR PROFILE



NAME	MATTHEW HAMMOND
Rank	E-7/Gunnery Sergeant
Status (Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves or Veteran)	Active Duty
Service Branch and MOS	USMC/5811 Military Police
Hometown	Hereford, Arizona
Current Location	San Diego, California
Injury or Illness	PTSD, TBI, lower and upper limb injuries, and partial vision loss
Event(s)	Cycling, Track, Sitting Volleyball and Swimming

PERSONAL PROFILE

Gunnery Sgt. Hammond joined the Marine Corps in October 1997. He served with H&S Battalion at Quantico and 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa during his first enlistment. He then pursued a career in law enforcement and became a patrol deputy in Arizona. He was later recalled to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. He deployed with the I MEF as personal security to the I MEF commanding general. He was later assigned to the I MEF sergeant major's office. He was then assigned to the Office of the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (SMMC). During the assignment, he deployed to Iraq as the operations chief to a police transition team in Al Anbar Province. Upon return from deployment, he resumed his duties as an enlisted advisor to the SMMC. He is currently a recovering service member at Wounded Warrior Battalion-West.

The hardest part of his recovery has been recovering from multiple surgeries and learning to retrain and rebuild afterwards. The greatest impact on his recovery has been his faith and his family. What the Warrior Games does for him is that it reminds him that no matter the physical or mental wounds through faith and perseverance he can accomplish anything.

