



## WARRIOR PROFILE



<b>NAME</b>	RICHARD N RUSH
<b>Rank</b>	E-5/Sergeant, O-3/Captain
<b>Status</b>	Veteran
<b>Service Branch and MOS</b>	USMC/0311 Rifleman and 0402 Logistics Officer
<b>Hometown</b>	Coos Bay, Oregon
<b>Current Location</b>	Umpqua, Oregon
<b>Injury or Illness</b>	PTSD, TBI, Narrowed Airway, Paralyzed vocal cords, Fused Back, L Tibia Plateau, Rod and Pin in L ankle.
<b>Event(s)</b>	Archery, Cycling, Shooting, and Seated Volleyball

## PERSONAL PROFILE

Capt. Rush was born in Coos Bay, Ore. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on September 8, 1998. Upon completion of recruit training, he reported to the Infantry Training School Camp Pendleton where he became an 0311 rifleman. In January of 1999 he reported for duty with Echo Co, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and deployed to the Mediterranean Sea. In June 2000, he cross-decked to 1st Battalion, 8th Marines and did another deployment to Mediterranean Sea.

In September 2002, Capt. Rush ended his active duty service with the Marine Corps in order to go to school. He decided to join the Platoon Leader Course in March 2004 to become an officer in the Marine Corps. In June 2007, Capt. Rush graduated from Oregon State University with honors and was commissioned on July 28, 2007, as a second lieutenant. In October 2008, he graduated from The Basic School where he earned the MOS 0402. Later that month, he reported for duty at Camp Johnson, N.C., for logistics training. In March 2009, he reported to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, as the facilities, ordnance, and maintenance management officer. In November 2009, he deployed with 1/3 to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In January 2010, Capt. Rush was severely injured when the MRAP he was in was struck by a command detonated Improvised Explosive Device.

After spending the next five months having surgeries and recovering from his injuries, he reported for duty with Wounded Warrior Detachment Hawaii in June 2010 as a recovering service member. This was where he was introduced to the Marine Corps Trials and Warrior Games. He has been a part of the games since 2011 and feels blessed every year he is able to compete, but most importantly having the comradery with fellow Marines and the amazing people associated with this program help him the most get through the tougher times in his life. Today he is medically retired living in Umpqua, Ore., where he raises his children and is constantly striving to learn the art of gardening.

