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**2019 Warrior Games**  
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**USSOCOM Announces 2019 DoD Warrior Games Team**

**MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Tampa, Fla.** – Col. Cary Harbaugh, director of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Warrior Care Program (Care Coalition), is proud to announce the athletes who will represent “Team SOCOM” at the 2019 Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games.

USSOCOM is also the host of this year’s DoD Warrior Games, which will be held in Tampa, Florida and venues in the Tampa Bay area, June 21-30.

The active duty and veteran athletes selected to represent Team SOCOM are:

**Active Duty:**

Staff Sgt. Jimmy Covas, U.S. Army  
Senior Master Sgt. Israel Del Toro, U.S. Air Force (Team Co-Captain)  
Staff Sgt. Stuart DiPaolo, U.S. Marine Corps  
Master Sgt. Christopher Donaldson, U.S. Army  
Chief Petty Officer Nolan Ellis, U.S. Navy  
Chief Petty Officer Phillip Fong, U.S. Navy  
Tech. Sgt. Zachary Hildebrand, U.S. Air Force  
Capt. Brian Hotchkiss, U.S. Army  
Sgt. 1st Class Brant Ireland, U.S. Army  
Lt. Col. Rhonda Keister, U.S. Army  
Master Sgt. Alfred Martinez, U.S. Army  
Staff Sgt. Lauren Montoya, U.S. Army  
Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Norman, U.S. Army  
Lt. Col. David O’Hearn, U.S. Army  
Cmdr. Clay Pendergrass, U.S. Navy (Team Captain)  
Sgt. 1st Class Gabriel Rodela, U.S. Army  
Capt. Alec Ross, U.S. Army  
Chief Petty Officer Terry Scaife, U.S. Navy  
Petty Officer 1st Class David Terpstra, U.S. Navy  
Master Sgt. George Vera, U.S. Army  
Staff Sgt. Mario Webb, U.S. Air Force  
Maj. Adam Ziegler, U.S. Army

**Transitioning Active Duty:**

Vairon Caicedo-Ocampo, U.S. Army  
Jarrid Collins, U.S. Army

Lee Harvey, U.S. Army  
Tiffany Hudgins, U.S. Marine Corps  
Jason Phillips, U.S. Army  
Henry Taylor, U.S. Army

Veterans:

Jacob Anthony, U.S. Army  
Lance Borman, U.S. Army  
Steve Carmen, U.S. Army  
Travis Dunn, U.S. Army  
James Howard, U.S. Army  
Cory Remsburg, U.S. Army  
Rommel Siervo, U.S. Navy  
Isaiah Staley, U.S. Navy  
John Stanz, U.S. Marine Corps  
Chase Tanton, U.S. Army  
Stephen Toboz, U.S. Navy  
Leticia Vega, U.S. Marine Corps

The DoD Warrior Games were established in 2010 as a way to enhance the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded warriors and to expose them to adaptive sports. The Paralympic-style competition between teams of wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans from the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and SOCOM has grown to new heights as it prepares to light the torch for the 10th time.

Military Paralympic adaptive sports programs help wounded service members and veterans build strength and endurance and draw inspiration from their teammates. Participation in the Warrior Games represents the culmination of a service member's involvement in an adaptive sports program and demonstrates the incredible potential of wounded warriors through competitive sports.

The mission of USSOCOM's warrior care program is to provide wounded, ill, and injured Special Operations Forces, veterans, and their families with advocacy after a life-altering trauma or illness to enhance their quality of life and strengthen SOF readiness.

Learn more about the Warrior Games at [DODWarriorGames.com](http://DODWarriorGames.com).

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