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## USSOCOM Warrior Care Program - Care Coalition

### Military Adaptive Sports Newsletter

As we take a look back on the past year, we are grateful for all the opportunities we had to introduce and integrate as many recovering service members and Veterans with the power military adaptive sports (MAS) can have from a wholistic perspective. It was truly a magnificent year filled with many highlights and we hope progress all USSOCOM Warrior Care Program – Care Coalition enrollees on their adaptive sport journeys heading into the New Year. Whether you're just taking that first step or looking to reconnect with a network of resilient warriors, the Military Adaptive Sports section will be there to assist every step of the way.

We have dedicated a considerable portion of this issue highlighting the successes and achievements of Team SOCOM in the 2022 DoD Warrior Games. Hosted at the ESPN Wide World of Sports at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL our SOCOM athletes had the opportunity to finally showcase their hard work & dedication, and was a testament to the fighting spirit of all recovering service members & Veterans. Of course, the newsletter would not be complete without informing you of our upcoming events and athlete shout-outs so please read on and enjoy!

Wishing you all the best heading into the New Year from the USSOCOM Warrior Care Program MAS Section!

**USSOCOM Warrior Care Program - Care Coalition Military Adaptive Sports section enhances Recovery and Rehabilitation of SOF WII through adaptive sports and wellness events outside traditional therapy settings. For questions, further assistance, and inquiries related to this newsletter or MAS events, please contact the MAS team members below at: [CC\\_MAS@socom.mil](mailto:CC_MAS@socom.mil)**



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Coach Jerome Taylor celebrates with the Team SOCOM Track medalists at the 2022 DoD Warrior Games Track Medaling Ceremony  
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# 2022 DoD WARRIOR GAMES

## ORLANDO, FL



Team SOCOM athletes demonstrated the hard work they've been putting in their recovery & rehabilitation in the 2022 DoD Warrior Games, an adaptive sport competition between the service branches & SOCOM, consisting of 3 Team Sports and 8 Individual sports

### WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL



SOCOM WCB Team takes a group shot after their final match

### SITTING VOLLEYBALL



SFC Brant Ireland makes a block in a Seated Volleyball match

### WHEELCHAIR RUGBY



SOCOM WCR Team celebrates their Bronze Medal victory

### ARCHERY



LTC Anthony Smith competes as the Team SOCOM "Ultimate Champion"

### CYCLING



1SG Shirley Baez competes on the ESPN Wide World of Sports Cycling course

### FIELD



SCPO Werner Mammen executes a shotput throw during the 2022 DoD Warrior Games Field

### ROWING



SFC Cory Remsburg competes in the adaptive Indoor Rowing competition

### POWERLIFTING



SFC Jake Anthony about to bench press for his max

### SHOOTING



SFC Jeffrey Grieves focuses for a well-aimed shot during the seat rifle competition

### SWIMMING



MAJ Erik Lewis swims for glory

### TRACK



SSG Kevin Coleman runs in the Track race



## UNDER ARMOUR



Under Armour proffered the 2022 DoD Warrior Games providing EVERY athlete with a fell gear issue

## CAMARADERIE



Whether it's your first Games or you're a Veteran, the DoD Warrior Games is a great place to reconnect with your SOCOM brethren

## HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH...



Fun Family Time at Walt Disney World, Orlando... who could ask for more?

## ATHLETE TESTIMONIALS

"Thank you for the opportunity you all afforded me to compete. I know there was so much hard work that went into running this event and even more behind the scenes that wasn't noticed. This experience has had great impact on me both mentally and physically. I can feel parts of me waking up again and I'm excited to see you all again in February."

- Team SOCOM Athlete

"Inspiring and unbelievable experience."

- Team SOCOM Athlete

"This was the best experience I've ever had in the military. It will definitely aid my personal recovery."

- Team SOCOM Athlete

"I want to say it is an absolute honor and privilege to be on team SOCOM. Everyone on the team has motivated me to be better and work harder."

- Team SOCOM Athlete

"Love you all like family and I'm so proud of all of you for the way you represented SOCOM and each other."

- Team SOCOM Athlete

To see the full list of 2022 DoD Warrior Games Medalists, visit the link below:

<https://www.dodwarriorgames.com/results-2022/>



## THANK YOU FAMILIES!

To all the Families & Friends of Team SOCOM Athletes, you all are the true MVP's. We couldn't have done it without you!



A special **THANK YOU** to our Medical Staff for their hard work and dedication to duty while volunteering to support the 2022 DoD Warrior Games.

- LTC Linda Hatler
- LTC Lindsey Carlson
- Lt Col Denise Lemon
- MAJ Susan Kiss
- Jane Kordish
- Esther Moux
- David Gonzales
- PO2 Italya Rivas
- PO1 Benjamin Borum
- Blythin Leggett



# ATHLETE SHOUT-OUT



## 2022 National Ability Center Mountain Biking Camp

The *National Abilities Center (NAC) Mountain Biking Camp* in Park City, UT was an action-packed adaptive mountain biking adventure! Round Valley is just outside the NAC doorsteps where 35 miles of accessible mountain biking trails like Porc-U-Climb and Downward Dog built in partnership with Mountain Trails Foundation were available to the participants. NAC had all the equipment we needed. It was an exciting week in the great outdoors! Check out what NAC Mountain Biking has to offer at: <https://discovernac.org/programs/splore-outdoor-adventures/mountain-biking/>

- LTC Adam Kessel
- LTC Bob Roseman (Ret.)
- MAJ Augusto Ramirez Valdez (Ret.)
- MAJ Amanda Obley (Ret.)
- 1LT Brian Donarski (Ret.)
- MSG Jimmie Blockett (Ret.)
- SFC Jeff Grieves (Ret.)



## 2022 National Ability Center White Water Rafting Camp

The *National Abilities Center (NAC) White Water Camp* in the MOAB was a thrilling white water rafting experience! The Colorado and Green Rivers provided five classes of rapids in renowned MOAB Fish Towers, Westwater Canyon, Labyrinth Canyon, Desolation Canyon among others. Archery and mountain biking opportunities were also included on this weeklong outdoor adventure. To get a feel for some of the rafting NAC has to offer, visit <https://youtu.be/LuTMiBsEGoQ>

- MAJ Gerard Dempster (Ret.)
- MSGT Brian Murphy (Ret.)
- MSG Jimmie Blockett (Ret.)
- 1SG Dan Anderson (Ret.)
- SFC Luiz Nazario (Ret.)
- SGT Chad Prichard (Ret.)
- SBC James Madison (Ret.)



## 2022 DoD Warrior Games

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command hosted the *2022 DoD Warrior Games* at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. The Warrior Games were open to the public and welcomed the community to be a part of the excitement and support our Wounded, Ill or Injured Warriors. ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, serving as the Games venue for the first time, is a 220-acre facility that featured multiple indoor and outdoor competition sites. Learn more about the Games at <https://www.dodwarriorgames.com/>.

## TEAM SOCOM 2022

- SFC Jacob Anthony (Ret.)
- 1SG Shirley Baez (Ret.)
- LCDR Alanna Ball (Ret.)
- SFC Kenneth Brown (Ret.)
- SFC Brian Castillo
- SSG Kevin Coleman (Ret.)
- SFC Jacques Decaire (Ret.)
- SSGT Stuart DiPaolo (Ret.)
- HMC Nolan Ellis
- CPO Dwight Frisbee
- SFC Anthony Ghent (Ret.)
- SFC Andrew Gonzales (Ret.)
- SFC Jeffrey Grieves (Ret.)
- LTC David Hodges
- SFC Calvin Hodges (Ret.)
- SFC Brant Ireland
- SFC Shane Jernigan (Ret.)
- MSG Hamilton Koch
- SFC Deiby Legarda
- MAJ Erik Lewis (Ret.)
- SCPO Werner Mammen
- MSG Alfred Martinez (Ret.)
- CSM William McLeroy (Ret.)
- MSG Jerry Milan
- MSG Ivan Morera
- CMSGT Louis Orrie (Ret.)
- CPL Justin Radbill (Ret.)
- SFC Cory Remsburg (Ret.)
- CPO Terry Scaife
- LTC Anthony Smith
- LTC Duane Smith (Ret.)
- LT Isaiah Staley (Ret.)
- SFC William Tanton (Ret.)







### 2022 Virtual Golf Tournament

Army Recovery Care Program hosted the **2022 Virtual Golf Tournament** for Golfers across the services. 5 Members from SOCOM participated in this amazing golfing opportunity and represented SOCOM with pride. The Virtual Golf Tournament was all about having fun and playing golf!

- LTC David Hodges **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**
- CMSGT Louis Orrie (Ret.) **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE**
- MSG Hamilton Koch **4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**
- SFC Jeff Grieves (Ret.) **7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**
- CSM William McLeroy (Ret.) **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE (MOD)**



### 2022 Warrior Sailing Camp

The **2022 Warrior Sailing Camp** was three days of hands-on sailing fun on the water in the St. Petersburg, FL bay! The Warrior Sailing Program trains wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans in the sport of sailing and sailboat racing. The training was facilitated by world class coaches using techniques and equipment adapted to meet the varying needs of each participant. This wasn't just any ordinary boat ride! The hands-on training courses taught actual sailing skills leading to lifetime enjoyment on the water. To learn more, visit [www.warriorsailing.org](http://www.warriorsailing.org)

- CMSGT Robert Zackery III
- MSG Jason Henry
- SFC Nicholas Galliano
- SFC Allen Magazzeni
- LCDR Scott Terry (Ret.)
- MSG Joseph Roberts (Ret.)
- SFC Damian Dixon (Ret.)
- SSGT Patrick Roberts (Ret.)



### 2023 Team Invictus SOCOM Athletes

Congratulations to our 12 SOCOM Athletes who were chosen to represent Team U.S in the **2023 Invictus Games**. Team U.S. is part of approximately 500 participants from 21 countries who will take part in this multi-sport event featuring 10 adaptive sports, including archery, athletics (track and field), cycling, indoor rowing, powerlifting, sitting volleyball, swimming, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby and table tennis, which is new to the Invictus Games. Stay up to date with Team U.S. at the official IG23 website: <https://invictusgamesfoundation.org/games/dusseldorf-2023/>

- LTC Anthony Smith
- MAJ Brian Hotchkiss
- LCDR Alanna Ball (Ret.)
- LT Isaiah Staley (Ret.)
- MSG Alfred Martinez (Ret.)
- GySgt Tiffany Hudgins (Ret.)
- SFC Lauren Montoya
- MSG Ivan Morera
- SFC Jacob Anthony (Ret.)
- SCPO Werner Mammen (Ret.)
- SFC Brian Castillo
- SSG Kevin Coleman

**CONGRATS** to our very own SFC Lauren Montoya on being selected as **TEAM U.S. Co-Captain** for the **2023 Invictus Games!**

**Congratulations to ALL... Let's see you back for 2023 MAS Events!**

#### **Join our mailing list!**

Be the first to learn about (and register for) these events by joining the Military Adaptive Sports mailing list. To do so, email [CC\\_MAS@socom.mil](mailto:CC_MAS@socom.mil) with "Mailing List" in the subject line with your full name. You'll receive an email the day each event opens for registration, as well as whenever new events are added to the calendar.

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**For All MAS Events and Additional Information,  
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<https://www.socom.mil/care-coalition/Pages/Military-Adaptive-Sports.aspx>



<https://www.facebook.com/sofcarecoalition/>



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwflGk9vivJNMjNYTSohBQ>



<https://www.instagram.com/sofcarecoalition/>



# UPCOMING MAS EVENTS



**\*Registration for the following events is now closed and posted here for situational awareness only\***

## **Jan 15 - 21, 2023: NAC Winter Sports Camp**

Members from across the services will head to the National Abilities Center (NAC) in Park City, UT for an action-packed adaptive winter sporting event. The Rockies are nearby the NAC where they will participate in Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing, Skeleton, and Wheelchair Curling. Travel, lodging, and meals are all included, and the NAC provides all necessary equipment. This promises to be an exciting week in the Utah Mountains! To get a feel for some of what the NAC has to offer, visit <https://discovernac.org/programs/splore-outdoor-adventures>

## **Jan 18 - 23, 2023: Challenge Aspen Military Opportunities (CAMO) Skiing & Snowboarding Retreat**

Challenge Aspen hosts an unforgettable experience for wounded, ill and injured Service Members and Veterans, not only on the slopes, but with wellness sessions like yoga and breathing techniques sprinkled throughout the week. Selected participants will experience the fresh outdoors and calm surroundings, while receiving one-on-one professional adaptive skiing, snowboarding and ski-bike instruction. For those with experience on the snow, this is their opportunity to "up their game"! Travel, lodging, equipment, coaching, and meals will all be provided. Visit [www.challengeaspen.org](http://www.challengeaspen.org) and <https://youtu.be/Tdk0k6Gguqo> to see more footage from previous camps.

## **Feb 13 - 24, 2023: DoD Warrior Games Challenge USSOCOM Selection Camp**

The 2023 DoD Warrior Games USSOCOM Selection Camp will consist of all 11 DoD Warrior Games sports at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, FL. Selected Participants will be trying out for the opportunity to represent Team SOCOM in the 2023 DoD Warrior Games Challenge to be held in San Diego during the Summer. USSOCOM Coaches will be leading training sessions to improve sport skills, sport training, competition strategies, preparedness, and simulated sport challenges for ultimate competition success at the Games! Learn more about the Games at <https://www.dodwarriorgames.com/>.

## **September 2023: 2023 Invictus Games Dusseldorf Germany**

Fifty-nine elite competitors will represent the Department of Defense on Team U.S. at the Invictus Games in Düsseldorf, Germany, from Sept. 9-16, 2023. The Invictus Games Düsseldorf 2023 is the sixth edition of this international sporting event for wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women. The Invictus Games are based on the United States' concept of the Department of Defense Warrior Games and are designed to use the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding of, and respect for, those who serve their country and their loved ones. Check out the official Invictus Games link for more information: <https://invictusgamesfoundation.org/games/dusseldorf-2023/>

**\*Be sure to check out the new updates to the Comprehensive Resource Guide in the link below\***

## **ADAPTIVE SPORTS AND WELLNESS RESOURCE GUIDE**

For a link to our **Comprehensive Resource Guide**, [CLICK HERE](#)

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