

# 2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

## NAME

Andrew McCaffrey

## RANK

Staff Sergeant

## STATUS

Veteran

## MOS

18F (Special Forces Assistant Operations and Intelligence Sergeant)

## HOMETOWN

Massapequa Park, New York

## CURRENT LOCATION

Arlington, Virginia

## INJURY OR ILLNESS

Below-the-elbow amputee (right)

## LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Afghanistan, 2002

## EVENT(S)

Cycling, Track, Field



Staff Sgt. Andy McCaffrey retired from the Army in September 2013 after 23 years on active duty in the Army and the Marines. Since retirement, he has focused on competing in games for Wounded Warriors and also cycling with groups that support wounded Veterans and their Families. McCaffrey was injured while deployed in Afghanistan in July 2002. After rehabilitation, he completed three more deployments as a Green Beret.

Adaptive reconditioning played a large part in the recovery from his injury in 2002. Cycling and running on a competitive basis helped him in his recovery and improved his fitness while on active duty and post retirement keep him in shape both mentally and physically.

Staff Sgt. McCaffrey is honored to represent the Army team again at the Warrior Games and hopes to help the team to back-to-back victories. He hopes to be an example to younger or more recently

injured veterans. "I hope I can apply the leadership lessons I have learned in the two decades I have served in the military."

He now lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife Karen where he continues to train for future events.



"Competition gives me focus and reason to keep active and connected with other veterans and soldiers"

