

# WARRIOR GAMES ARCHERY COACH



HEAD COACH  
Jessie White

Retired Staff Sgt. Jessie White shares a unique connection with the Warrior Games athletes he coaches: he is a wounded warrior and Warrior Games medalist himself. This shared experience inspired him to join the Army team once again—this time as the Archery coach.

White sustained severe injuries in Iraq in 2006. Finding recovery challenging, he attributes his physical and emotional improvement to participating in adaptive reconditioning sports and activities at the Army Warrior Transition Brigade at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

"It gave me other things to focus on other than my injuries," said White of participating in adaptive reconditioning activities. "It gave me a chance to continue as a competitive person and feel better about myself." White took that competitive drive to four Warrior Games, leaving the 2010 event with two silver medals in shot-put and sitting volleyball. He took home silver again in 2012, this time for archery.



A husband and father, White also draws inspiration from his family. "My wife and kids have been amazing in their support. They tell me all of the time how proud they are of me and that they know I can do anything," he said.

"To be able to coach is the next step in working with other wounded Soldiers and getting them involved in sports. They can continue to do things even though they're injured," said White. His next goal is to represent the United States in the 2016 Paralympics.

