

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Baharloui

U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC)



Assigned Unit: AMC Band, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

Military Occupational Specialty: Army Musician (42R)

Hometown: Melbourne, Fla.

Year of Enlistment: 1998

What were your job responsibilities while deployed?

I was a Musical Performance Team Leader while deployed.

What is the most interesting thing about your time deployed that you want to share with the American People?

Just being able to perform and bring a taste of America for the troops will be my lasting memory.

Do you have any family members who have served or are serving in the military?

My wife is currently a captain at AMC Headquarters.

What military awards and achievements have you received or accomplished?

My awards include: seven Army Achievement Medals, Joint Service Achievement Award, four Army Commendation Medals, and a Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Why did you join the Army?

I joined to serve my country while being a musician.

Why did you choose your MOS?

I have always loved playing music so this MOS was a no-brainer for me.

What motivated you to compete in the DA level Best Warrior Competition?

The motivation to compete is to test my strengths as a Soldier and compete against the best always drives me as a competitor.

If successful in accomplishing your goal as one of the Army's Best Warriors, what do you think your role would be in representing the Army?

I would love to become the Army's Best Warrior to inspire Soldiers from all MOSs to become the best they can be. Everyone expects the combat Soldiers to win these events, and rightfully so with the experience and knowledge they have. For a bandsman to win this event would hopefully bring a sense of pride for all others to attain this goal.

Who is your professional mentor?

My mentor is Retired Sgt. 1st Class Buckler.

How did your mentor help you in your professional career?

Sgt. 1st Class Buckler was my platoon leader when I was a specialist and he showed me right from wrong and always gave it to me straight.

Who or what inspires you?

I'm inspired by those who choose to better themselves, as well as others, in any endeavor continue to inspire me on a daily basis.

What are your military career goals for the future?

I want to become a first sergeant of the 101st Division Band.

What was the biggest challenge along the way to get to this level of competition?

For me, the biggest challenge was simply a lack of preparation. I was a sponsor for a Soldier competing and at the last minute he was a medical dropout. I was approached by my chain of command to see if I wanted to compete in his slot. I said "absolutely." I only had two weeks to prepare for the competition.

Who is your Sponsor? How did they help prepare you for this level of competition?

Staff Sgt. Lawrence Henry is my sponsor. He was instrumental in helping me out in any way that I needed it.

What will be the most challenging event for you? Why?

I would say the land navigation will be the most challenging. In my career field we don't get the opportunity to train for land navigation very often.

What do you think will be your best/favorite event? Why?

The physical fitness test and the ruck march will be my stronger events. I've been training all summer long for the ruck march. I just recently completed Air Assault School and rucking was heavily involved in that.

What are some significant facts about you that are not known by others; i.e. interesting stories, unique hobbies or accomplishments?

Throughout my career I have been fortunate enough to perform for many distinguished individuals to include the President, the Army Chief of Staff, and the Sergeant Major of the Army. I love playing sports and I currently am a member of a crossfit gym.

What are your hobbies/special interests?

I enjoy playing sports, doing crossfit, and playing with my three sons.