

Spc. Crusier Barnes

National Guard Bureau

Assigned Unit: 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry Regiment
Military Occupational Specialty: Military Cavalry Scout (19D)
Hometown: Kaneohe, Hawaii
Year of Enlistment: 2012



Do you have any family members who have served or are serving in the military?
I do not have any family in the military.

What military awards and achievements have you received or accomplished?
My awards include an Army Achievement Medal and an Army Commendation Medal.

Why did you join the Army?
I joined the Army to serve my country.

Why did you choose your MOS?
My MOS allows me to work in small tactical teams.

What motivated you to compete in the DA level Best Warrior Competition?
I wanted to test myself and represent my unit and state.

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 want to represent the best qualities of a Soldier and inspire others to push themselves and always strive for greatness.

Who is your professional mentor?
My mentor is Ethan Mcintosh.

How did your mentor help you in your professional career?
Ethan helped me with both school and work. He helped me get my life on the right path.

Who or what inspires you?
Ethan Mcintosh and other motivated, smart people inspire me to better myself.

What are your military career goals for the future?
My goals for the future are to take every opportunity that comes my way and complete it to the best of my ability.

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

I broke my arm at the state competition in 2014.

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

Spc. Tom is my sponsor and has helped me continuously with training.

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

The most challenging thing in these competitions is staying motivated after not doing so well in an event and pushing on to the next task.

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

I enjoy the ruck march.

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

I like to hike, surf, and camp.

What are your hobbies/special interests?

Back home in Hawaii, I like to hike, surf, camp, and train for triathlons.