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Why did you join the Army?

I have family members who have served and currently serve in the U.S. Army and their love and enthusiasm for the service greatly impacted my decision to join the Army. I also believe that every U.S. citizen should at least serve one term in the U.S. Army. "I am a tested volunteer seeking only to safeguard the honor and prestige of my country."

What military awards and achievements have you received or accomplished?

I have two ARCOM's, three AAM's, two COA's, German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Silver).

Why did you choose your MOS?

Instead of continuing on my degree path of Criminal Justice, I decided to embark on a new journey to learn a new skill. So I decided to try a job that dealt with technology, and was vital everywhere. I currently work in back shop avionics with a knowledgeable and enthusiastic group of NCOs and Soldiers. Thus far, I am convinced that I made a good decision by joining the ordnance corps.

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

One day, I will be a leader in the U.S. Army and I will want my Soldiers to show eagerness and the capacity to learn by always searching for new challenges. In order to lead from the front, and build credibility I have to establish feasible and attainable goals, and then accomplish those goals myself. Therefore, when I tell my Soldiers that they should prepare for the board, I know how to coach them based on my military experiences.

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 feel that my role would be to motivate and challenge service members and civilians to overcome obstacles. My role would also be to maintain a high-degree of professional participation when attending social events. Additionally, to display a high degree of honesty, loyalty, and integrity to the U.S. Army.

Who is your professional mentor?

My mentors are Maj. Barry Farmer and Sgt. 1st Class Adam Dahle.

How did your mentors help you in your professional career?

My mentors have helped me throughout my professional career by constantly inspiring me to achieve my fullest potential. They both excel in providing honest, constructive criticism while identifying my strengths and recommending methods to assist me in overcoming my weaknesses. At the same time, they encourage me to continuously seek new skills and knowledge to acquire every day.

Who or what inspires you?

Former and current Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines who have always put the security of this great nation first inspires me. "I serve with the memory and pride of those who have gone before me, for they loved to fight, fought to win, and would rather die than quit."

What are your military career goals for the future?

My short-term goal is to be promoted to sergeant, and complete Airborne school. Additionally, I would love to be able to earn acceptance into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. My long-term goals include completing my master's degree, and one day to become a command sergeant major in the U.S. Army

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

I would have to say my biggest challenge is managing work hours and study time in order to maintain a competitive edge. During the actual competitions, I would have to say my biggest challenge was overcoming some bad shooting outages.

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

Sgt. Rolando Saldana is my sponsor and he has assisted me by scheduling training opportunities when needed and ensures that I have everything I need in order to get realistic training. Sgt. Sal facilitated my learning and provided meticulous attention to detail to ensure that I got the full value out of all of my training in preparation for boards.

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

I feel that the weapons qualification will be the most challenging event for me, because lately I have been shooting pretty poorly.

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

I feel that the 12-mile ruck march will be my favorite event, because I have always enjoyed going on ruck marches. Ruck marches are relaxing, and I like to clear my head and use that time as therapy for my mind. Also, ruck marches are a good measure of physical and mental fitness.

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

I have two children and seven siblings. I am a DODDS (Department of Defense Dependent Schools) European Champion in Basketball and Football (Hanau).

What are your hobbies/special interests?

I like to spend time with my family, play basketball, volunteer, read books, and find new challenges.