

# Sgt. Raymond Nichols

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC)



**Assigned Unit:** C Company, 1-11<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Rucker, Ala.

**Military Occupational Specialty:** Air Traffic Controller (15Q)

**Hometown:** Nyack, New York

**Year of Enlistment:** 2012

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

My grandfather, aunt, and uncle have served in the military.

**What military awards and achievements have you received or accomplished?**

I have been named the 110th Aviation Brigade Soldier of the year, USAACE Soldier of the Year, TRADOC Soldier of the year, WLC Honor graduate, and earned the Army physical fitness badge.

**Why did you join the Army?**

I joined the Army because, I admired those who protect the country and others so I decided to join the force.

**Why did you choose your MOS?**

Air traffic control seemed the most challenging and interesting to me.

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

I take pride in representing my unit and being a role model for my Soldiers.

**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 continue to be an example of hard work and dedication. I hope to also inspire esprit de corps.

**Who is your professional mentor?**

My facility chief, Staff Sgt. Hirth and my tower training NCO, Staff Sgt. Coody are my mentors.

**How did your mentor help you in your professional career?**

They mentored me by always helping me to see different perspectives.

**Who or what inspires you?**

I am inspired by the Soldiers I work with every day.

**What are your military career goals for the future?**

I would like to deploy, join the Sergeant Audie Murphy club, and progress to sergeant major.

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

Staying focused and committed through the long process.

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

Staff Sgt. Hirth is my sponsor. She has been a wealth of military expertise and a great mentor.

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

The 12-mile ruck march will be the most challenging because of how physically demanding it is.

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

The board is my favorite because I am so confident in my knowledge.

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

I participate in intermural basketball, football, and softball on post.

**What are your hobbies/special interests?**

My hobbies are riding my motorcycle and reading.

**Do you have any additional information you'd like to share?**

I am very excited for the chance to meet Sgt. Major of the Army Dailey.