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Assigned Unit: 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Headquarters Troop

Military Occupational Specialty: Infantry (11B)

Hometown: Sycamore, Ill.

Year of Enlistment: 2013

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

I have five uncles that served in the Navy and my two grandfathers served in the Navy and the Army.

What military awards and achievements have you received or accomplished?

My awards include three Army Achievement Medals, Army Commendation Medal, and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Why did you join the Army?

I wanted a hard challenge in my life.

Why did you choose your MOS?

This MOS fit everything I wanted to do.

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

I felt I had what it took to win and improve my career.

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?

My role would be a leader who sets high standards and encourages others to improve themselves every day.

Who is your professional mentor?

My leadership and chain of command have been my mentors, especially my first sergeant.

How did your mentor help you in your professional career?

My first sergeant set the example of what to be, and nothing less. He has taught our troops many things to improve our profession.

Who or what inspires you?

People that wake up every day, face the hardest challenges and continue to thrive through them is what inspires.

What are your military career goals for the future?

My goal is to attend and complete Ranger School, then shortly after, pass special forces selection.

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

The biggest challenge was finishing the stress shoot portion. I wanted to ensure my performance was above standard.

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

My sponsor is 1st Sgt. Antia. He helped set up our PT schedules and ensured I got hands on training of all Army events.

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

I believe the ten-mile army run will be the most challenging because running isn't my strongest event. But I will continue to improve.

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

My best event will be anything that involves a good shooting competition because I love to shoot all sorts of weapons.

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

I love to stay active and healthy. I also enjoy my time by traveling with my wife and playing with my dog.

What are your hobbies/special interests?

I love sports and anything that is a physical challenge.