

Spc. Adam Walton

U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC)

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

Military Occupational Specialty: Army Musician (42R)

Hometown: Champaign, Ill.

Year of Enlistment: 2012



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

Both of grandfathers served in the military; maternal GF-Army, paternal GF-Air Force. My cousin is Marine Sgt. Thomas Broadrick.

What military awards and achievements have you received or accomplished?

My awards are the Army Achievement Medal and the Korea Defense Service Medal. And I'm an Air Assault school graduate and Warrior Leader course (Commandant's List).

Why did you join the Army?

I joined the Army to make a better life for myself and my children, to challenge myself, and be the best possible version of myself.

Why did you choose your MOS?

I am a trained musician, and love making music.

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

My inner drive for achievement and the motivation of those around me every day is what motivates me.

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 am unsure how my role will be different. It is already part of my job to represent the Army in the best possible way to other Soldiers and the communities in which we work.

Who is your professional mentor?

Staff Sgt. Patrick Sullivan is my mentor.

How did your mentor help you in your professional career?

Staff Sgt. Patrick Sullivan knows a great deal about the Army and Army life, and provides purpose and direction in setting and accomplishing goals

Who or what inspires you?

My children are what inspire me.

What are your military career goals for the future?

My goals are to attend airborne school, graduate levels 1-4 combatives schools, graduate top of class ALC and SLC, and become the Army Band First Sergeant.

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

My biggest challenge is balancing daily work at my unit and preparing for the competition at the same time.

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

Staff Sgt. Patrick Sullivan is my sponsor and he provides knowledge and training to help me compete at my highest capability.

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

The most challenging will be the 12-mile ruck march. I am quite a bit smaller than the average Soldier, so the weight of the gear and pace are very difficult for me to handle.

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

My best event is the formal board. I take great pride in my intellect and ability to use logic and reason.

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

I have been training Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for about two years, and also enjoy drawing and painting.

What are your hobbies/special interests?

My hobbies are Jiu Jitsu, music performance, reading history, and philosophy.