

2014 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Willie Stafford

RANK

Specialist

STATUS

National Guard

WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT

Warrior Transition Battalion,
Fort Stewart, Georgia

HOMETOWN

Daytona, Florida

SCHOOL(S)

Pine Ridge High School, Florida

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Knee injuries

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Iraq, 2011; Qatar, 2013

EVENT(S)

Track



Spc. **Willie Stafford's** deployment activities—Iraq (2011) and in Qatar (2013)—caused bilateral knee pains. The Daytona, Florida, native was assigned to the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Stewart, Georgia for his recovery. “Ms. Terry at Fort Stewart Warrior Transition Battalion has been huge in supporting me during my training,” explained Stafford.

At this year’s Army Warrior Trials, Stafford received the bronze medal in the 100m sprint and silver in the 200m sprint. “I like the thrill of the competition,” said Stafford.

Stafford has a long term goal of making the U.S. Paralympics track team. He explains “I draw inspiration from Olympian Usain Bolt and the Los Angeles Laker’s Kobe Bryant.”

He will be competing in the 100m and 200m sprint track events in the 2014 Warrior Games.



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