

2015 ARMY WARRIOR GAMES ATHLETE

NAME

Billy Meeks

RANK

Staff Sergeant

STATUS

Veteran

MOS

31B (Military Police)

FORMER UNIT

2-1 Special Troops Battalion,
2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team,
1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss,
Texas

HOMETOWN

Abilene, Texas

CURRENT LOCATION

Las Cruces, New Mexico

SCHOOL(S)

Abilene High School

INJURY OR ILLNESS

Torn medial collateral ligament
(MCL), a torn labrum and other
injuries

LOCATION AND DATE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS

Iraq, 2007

EVENT(S)

Archery, Shooting



Staff Sgt. Billy Meeks is a veteran originally from Abilene, Texas. While serving in Iraq in 2007, now retired Staff Sgt. Billy Meeks began noticing intense pain in his knee and hip. "I thought it was a normal Soldier thing, so why complain," said Meeks. He was diagnosed with a torn medial collateral ligament or MCL, a torn labrum and other injuries. Meeks was unable to continue serving in his

unit and medically retired.

His biggest supporter is his wife. "She is always pushing me to shoot and go to different competitions," said Meeks. After his last deployment, he and his wife picked up archery and never looked back. Meeks started out at some small local shoots but never thought about taking it to a professional level.

"Sports allow me to be competitive and allow me to be around like-minded people," said Meeks. In April 2014 he took a trip to Las Vegas where he learned about the Warrior Games and adaptive sports. "My participation in archery and in the 2014 U.S. Army Warrior Trials opened up a new avenue for me. I'm now thinking of going professional with archery. It's a big change."



He credits his Family, friends and coaches for their support during his training. Meeks is also finishing his master's degree in agricultural engineering.

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