

Marine Athlete Receives Ultimate Champion Award

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All-Marine Warrior Games athletes, coaches and staff proudly watched teammate Staff Sgt. Scott Martin (USMC, ret.) receive the award for Ultimate Champion June 30. Staff Sgt. Martin placed first in the Ultimate Champion event at the Warrior Games, which took place May 10 -14, 2010 at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Warrior Games showcased wounded, ill and injured service members from all branches - Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

The Ultimate Champion competition consisted of five events: 50 meter freestyle swim, 10 meter air rifle shooting, 100 meter run, 1500 meter run, and shotput. All participants competed in their respective disability category. Separate points were assigned to each athlete based on how they finished in their respective category finals. The Ultimate Champion was the individual at the end of the competition who earned the most points in five events.

At the end of the games, Staff Sgt. Martin had successfully earned the most points by placing first in the 100 meter run, second in the 1500 meter run, third in the 50 meter freestyle, and 10th in the air rifle. Staff Sgt Martin, who was very proud to receive this honor said, "I wanted to compete in the Warrior Games to represent the Marine Corps and myself and prove to myself that my injuries cannot slow me down from accomplishing my goals. I also think that it was a great learning experience."

The Warrior Games were designed to elevate abilities through athletic competition for WWII service members by providing a focal event to empower the incorporation of athletics into Military Service Wounded Warrior Programs. The Warrior Games will be an annual event to celebrate the achievement and abilities of WWII service members, while building camaraderie and raising awareness for adaptive sports.

For more information about the Wounded Warrior Regiment or upcoming Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program camps go to: www.woundedwarriorregiment.org or call the Sgt. Merlin German Wounded Warrior Call Center 24/7 at (877) 487-6299.



Vienna, Va.- Colonel Jay Krail, Executive Officer, Wounded Warrior Regiment presents Staff Sgt. Scott Martin, All-Marine Warrior Games Athlete with the Ultimate Champion award. Photo by LCpl. David Howard