



MSG (Ret) Jeremiah Lucas

Hometown
Rineyville, KY

Branch of Service
Army

Division
Open

Sports
**Track & Field, Hand-cycling
Softball, Bowling**

In 2013, doctors discovered that I had multiple intra-dural spinal cord tumors. Complications from surgeries to biopsy and resect the tumors, along with other injuries, abruptly ended my 22-year military career and life as I and my family knew it.

While transitioning from active duty service and learning to live in my "new normal," I was introduced to adaptive sports and PVA while at a VA appointment. I was invited to an adaptive sports camp hosted by KIPVA.

I met peers, mentors & athletes that were eager to show me the possibilities of adaptive sports. I saw adaptive equipment that could help me get active and compete again. That summer I attended the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. I competed in Field Events, Hand-cycling, and Air Rifles. I left the games with a list of new sports to try. Now I look forward to the competition and comradery with fellow Veteran athletes every year.

My preparation & anticipation every year for the games has become a Family event that includes my wife & caregiver Dawn and our daughters Katelyn & Maya! "Team Lucas" has been training hard! We are going for Gold in Orlando!

Additional Information
www.wheelchairgames.org
www.kipva.org
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