

BNA SPOTLIGHT

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Favorite Sports Team

I have three favorite teams; BYU Football, The New England Patriots, and Real Madrid.

What is next on your Bucket List?

Visit all 7 continents. I am only missing Australia and Antarctica is number one on my bucket list. Going to Israel and Guatemala is number 2.

Education/Work History

I am studying at University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. I have previously worked for the City of Colorado Springs as a landscaper and I just finished working for the Police Departments.

Best Vacation

My grandparents run a tourism company that tours Israel, I spent two weeks working for them and touring the Holy Land.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in the military, so I have moved around quite a bit. I was born in Minot ND, then went to Florida, followed by Kansas, then Colorado, Spain, Washington State, Colorado again, Colombia, Florida again, Colorado, Texas. At this point I graduated from high school and I served my LDS mission to El Salvador. So I lived there for two years afterwards I went to Colorado for school and have been there ever since.

Favorite Food

An El Salvadorian dish called Pupusas. It looks like a pancake but it is filled with beans, cheese, or whatever meat or vegetable you want. It is amazing and if you want to make my day buy me a couple of these.

Tell us about your family

I'm the oldest of four kids. I grew up in the military, my dad spent 20 years in the Air Force. I am trying to follow in his footsteps and continue my family's legacy of military service either through the Marine Corp or the Navy. My parents are divorced and have since remarried.

What do you enjoy doing when you aren't working?

It seems like I have too many things I like to do, but I love anything outdoors, going to the gym and keeping in shape, going down to our family ranch, fishing, hunting, listening to music, pickleball (total riot), remodeling homes, and traveling.

Proudest Accomplishment

Earning the Gold German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency. This award is offered by the German military to its units and military units of its allies. There are three levels of this award bronze being the lowest, then silver, and the highest is gold. In order to earn this award you must pass; a moral and physical test performed by your commanding officer, attend and pass Combat Lifesaver Training level 1 course, demonstrate the ability and knowledge of nuclear, biological, and chemical by donning your NBC suit in under a minute; a Basic Fitness Test where a 11x10 meter sprint test in under 42 sec, flexed arm hang of over 86 seconds, 1000 meter run in under 3:45 min, all 3 test need to be performed in under an hour, demonstrate marksmanship with both a rifle and a pistol by hitting 5 for 5 targets at 50 meters and 15 meters respectively, complete a 12 kilometer (7.5 mi) ruck march with 15 kg(33 lbs.) of gear in under 2 hours, and 100 meter swim in combat uniform in under four minutes and then takeoff your uniform without touching the side just by treading water.

Anything else you want to share

I was kidnapped (later escaped), stripped butt naked in the middle of the street, and shot at.

