



## TEAM ARMY BIO

Staff Sergeant Jack Peko, a native of American Samoa, enlisted in the Army immediately after high school. Now 29 years old and serving as a 19 Kilo, Jack has completed five deployments throughout his career. He and his wife Glorlah are proud parents to four children: Jayden, Liliana, Emeline, and Puamau.

Jack's life took an unexpected turn when he suffered a stroke due to a brain tumor, which significantly impacted his mobility and speech, and left him with weakness on his left side. He joined the Soldier Recovery Unit (SRU), where he received comprehensive support, including physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Jack is deeply grateful for the SRU's ongoing assistance, which has been crucial in his recovery.

He is eager to compete in the Warrior Games with Team Army, hoping to inspire others with his resilience and determination. Jack lives by the philosophy that "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," as quoted by Lao Tzu, reflecting his commitment to overcoming challenges one step at a time.



Full Name

Jack Puna Peko

Preferred Name

Jack

Rank/Abbreviation

Staff Sergeant/SSG

Service Branch

Active Duty

Injury or Illness

Stroke and Tumor

Hometown (City, State)

American Samoa

Current Location/SRU

Fort Riley, KS

## MEDIA CONTACT

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