



TEAM ARMY BIO

Staff Sergeant Derrick Thompson hails from Chicago, IL, and graduated from Lawton High School in Lawton, OK. He began his military career in the Air Force Reserves in 2004 and transitioned to the Army in 2005. Over the years, he has accrued 36 months of combat service overseas and has been honored with two Combat Action Badges.

During a tour in Korea in 2022, SSG Thompson was diagnosed with diabetes following a visit to the ER. Initially sent home due to his upbeat demeanor masking his symptoms, subsequent tests revealed a critical A1C level of around 14, leading to a two-week hospital stay where he was informed of the life-threatening nature of his condition. Adapting to his new medical regimen proved challenging, and he was almost discharged from the Army. Fortunately, his Continuation of Active Duty waiver was approved in 2023, just in time for him to compete in his first Warrior Games.

SSG Thompson is married and a father to three children. He currently works as a project manager at Brooke Army Medical Center and looks forward to retiring with 20 years of active service in July 2025. Passionate about competition, SSG Thompson plans to continue competing as long as possible, embracing the thrill and challenges of athletic pursuits.



Full Name

Derrick Thompson

Preferred Name

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Rank/Abbreviation

Staff Sergeant/SSG

Service Branch

Active Duty

Injury or Illness

Diabetes Type II

Hometown (City, State)

Chicago, IL

Current Location/SRU

Joint Base San Antonio, TX

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