

SSG(ret) Joseph Gross is the Area Outreach Coordinator in Ohio for the Wounded Warrior Project with responsibility in outreach to new and existing local Wounded Warriors, local event planning, peer mentoring and media awareness. He also serves as the VA amputee peer mentor where he assists the VA by talking to new amputees about what they should expect and to help raise motivation in a time of tragedy.

Prior to joining the Wounded Warrior Project SSG(ret) Joseph Gross spent 7 years in the Army. He went to basic training at Fort Leonardwood, MO and graduated in 1999 as a Combat Engineer. His first duty station was with 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, WA. He was then transferred to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, TX where he deployed to Iraq for the first time in 2003. After returning from Iraq he was then transferred to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY where he deployed for the second time to Iraq in 2005. While serving with the 10th Mountain Division in Iraq SSG(ret) Joseph Gross was on a mission in Baghdad when his vehicle that he commanded was struck by a suicide car bomb resulting in the loss of his right leg below his knee. After being injured he was then transferred to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX where he underwent 3 surgeries and 10 months of physical rehabilitation.

On July 26th 2006 he was officially medically retired from the Army. His military awards and decorations are: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 5 Army Achievement Medals, Meritorious Unit Citation, 2 Army Good Conduct Medals, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Assault Course and Warrior Leadership Course.

SSG(ret) Joseph Gross' hobbies are golfing, paintball, fly fishing, rock climbing, cycling, backpacking, sky diving and hopefully someday running and adventure racing. He hopes that through his personal adventures he will be able to positively influence other Wounded Warriors that even though physically disabled life and dreams are still achievable.

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