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## Warriors to Summits Expedition Fact Sheet

- A team of healing, injured veterans will attempt to climb Gannett Peak, the apex of the entire Central Rockies at 13,804 feet, located in Wyoming
- The team of warriors will be led by one of America's best-known mountaineers, Jeff Evans
- Previous Warriors to Summits expeditions include a 2014 summit of Mt. Whitney in California, the South Pole Allied Challenge (SPAC) with Britain's Prince Harry, as well as climbs of Peru's Mariposa 1, Ecuador's Cotopaxi and Nepal's Lobuche
- Warriors to Summits team members face life-altering injuries ranging from emotional and physical trauma to impaired senses, chronic pain and amputated limbs. Some experience combat flashbacks and survivor's guilt, while others continue to struggle with readjusting to civilian life. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) are common injuries among the warriors.

The expedition to Gannett Peak occurs September 4 – 16, and the warriors include:

- Amado Gracia – Cameron, NC, Marine Corps – Injury sustained during combat deployments in Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF)
- Boyd Murphy – Springfield, VA, Army – Injury sustained during airborne training at Ft. Benning, GA
- Denny Salisbury – Lakeport, CA, Marine Corps – Injury sustained during combat deployment in Iraq (OIF)
- Gina Kothe – Shokan, NY, Army – Injury sustained during post-military first-responder civilian service
- James Stanek, Jr. – Rio Rancho, NM, Army – Injury sustained during combat deployment in Iraq (OIF)
- Janet Gonzalez – Bronx, NY, Army – Injury sustained during pre-deployment training at Fort Jackson, SC
- Kyle Miller – Billings, MT, Army – Injury sustained during combat deployments in Iraq (OIF) and Africa
- Mark Yearsley – Jerome, ID, Air Force – Injury sustained during deployment in Kuwait (DESERT STORM)
- Nathan Wright – Cypress, TX, Army – Injury sustained during combat deployment in Afghanistan (OEF)
- Paul Smith - Ardmore, OK, Army - Injury sustained during combat deployment in Iraq (OIF)

- Ryan Kelly – Denver, CO, Army – Injury sustained during combat deployment in Iraq (OIF)

### **2015 Assistant Expedition Leaders**

- Charley Mace: One of America's most respected and successful Himalayan mountaineers, with numerous notable ascents including Everest, K2, the first American ascent of Manaslu, and every continental high point
- Erik Weihenmayer: Famed blind adventurer and the only blind person to reach the summit of Mt. Everest and kayak the Grand Canyon
- Nick Colgin: A veteran who has met the challenges of his wartime injuries to become a professional outdoor guide. Nick is a former participant, mentor and expedition leader in addition to serving as No Barriers Warriors Program Manager
- Josh Jespersen: A Navy veteran who deployed to Iraq in 2008 and Afghanistan in 2010 with SEAL Team IV, now a Colorado resident pursuing a college degree
- Margaux Mange: A Military Police veteran, who saw multiple tours in the middle east and is now living in the high-country of Colorado following her dreams

### **Important Expedition Dates**

- Training 1 - Colorado: June 6 – 11
- Training 2 - Utah: July 9 – 12
- Training 3 - Colorado: August 7 – 10
- Climb - Wyoming: September 4 – 16

*To learn more about the Gannett Peak team or the 2015 Wells Fargo-sponsored Warriors to Summits expedition, visit [WarriorstoSummits.org](http://WarriorstoSummits.org).*