



JASON HALVERSON

US Army (*Retired*)

Jason Halverson joined the US Army on July 13th, 2000 and served on Active Duty until February 5th, 2007, then in the Reserves from February 5th, 2007 to April 1st, 2011. He was a 63H Track Vehicle Mechanic assigned to the 54th Engineer Battalion out of Bamberg, Germany for his entire active service. He deployed twice to Iraq (2003 and 2005-2006). During his deployments he provided mechanical and route clearance recovery support to the Engineers.

In 2007, upon returning home to the States, he was initially diagnosed with Asthma, Hearing Loss (left/radio ear) and Tinnitus. After a few years he developed severe PTSD due to multiple traumatic events which occurred within that year. For a few years more he tried to hide his disabilities from the Army Reserves, but was unsuccessful and eventually was medically discharged in 2011. He was later diagnosed with multiple mild traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) in 2014–2015, when the VA called him back for a re-screening.

Over the last several years Jason has tried many forms of therapy and continues with weekly talk therapy sessions at the VA, but it wasn't until he became physically active again through sports that he found peace. Jason lives in Minnesota with his wife Sarah, their 3 amazing sons: Kamryn, Brayden, and Logan, and his service animal "Atticus," all who inspire him every day to keep pushing!

