



Master Sergeant Gilbert Magallanes Jr. is a husband, father, and 21-year U.S. Army veteran.

As a child he often competed in archery tournaments near the military base where he grew up.

Gilbert served as an Army Green Beret in both the 1991 Gulf War and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. On December 1, 2005 Gilbert was injured when a 2000 pound bomb was mistakenly dropped on his position while he was guarding the President of Afghanistan.

Gilbert's injuries resulted in a partial loss of his skull, permanent brain damage, vision loss in his left eye, and loss of fingers on his left hand.

#### **Gilbert Magallanes Jr., U.S. Army**

injuries would prevent him from pursuing his dream of becoming a competitive archer. However, in June 2008, Gilbert began to see that he was still able to compete regardless of the severity of his injuries. With the support of his family, Gilbert began once again to pursue his passion for archery and also started to take up other sports such as javelin and triathlon. Since June 2008, Gilbert has attended an archery camp and won a gold medal in javelin at the State Games of the West. He also completed the swim portions of the San Diego Triathlon Challenge and Silverman Half-Distance Triathlon.

The generosity of supporters like you continues to provide Gilbert and other injured service members opportunities to pursue their sporting passions and experience a lifetime of activity.

#### **How Does Operation Rebound Help?**

Operation Rebound provides unparalleled sports opportunities and support to our troops and veterans of any branch of service and first responders who have served honorably and have suffered permanent physical injuries. Grants are awarded for event travel, lodging, entry fees, training and equipment not provided by the VA or DoD.

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