



My name is Eric Andrew Cowin and I am 26 years old. I grew up in Grove Oklahoma and joined the army in October of 2003. I was a Staff Sergeant squad leader on my second deployment when I was wounded. My unit was 2nd brigade 1st ID and we were deployed to Baghdad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I was nine months into the deployment when I was on patrol and my vehicle was hit with an IED. It was June 9th when I was hit and medevac'd out of theatre. I arrived at Brooke Army Medical Center on the 15th of June and my left foot was amputated two days later on the 17th. I enjoy doing activities outdoors mostly. I like to surf and scuba dive and am looking forward to challenging myself with climbing.