



Jeremy Walsh Class of 2025

Jeremy graduated from Las Plumas High School (LPHS) in 2003 and was a three-sport athlete. He played football all four years, with LPHS winning the Bell Game his senior year. He wrestled all four years, three at the varsity level, and was Westside League Champion and team captain his senior year. He also qualified for the Northern Section Championship Meet in his final year and was a three-year member of the track team.

Jeremy was also active in Associated Student Body activities as a Black Student Union member all four years and a two-year member of the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC).

Following graduation from LPHS, Jeremy joined the United States Army as an infantryman in the storied 82nd Airborne Division, where he made the first of five combat deployments in his distinguished 21-year military career - Iraq three times and Afghanistan twice. Jeremy graduated from all three non-commissioned officer leadership courses as he moved through the ranks, attaining the title of Sergeant First Class.

At the end of his original enlistment, he reenlisted and became an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Specialist, commonly known as a bomb tech, distinguishing himself as an elite soldier and leader. As an EOD, he was tasked with disarming unexploded devices designed to kill both soldiers and civilians. Protecting his military community and his nation was Jeremy's role overseas and stateside, including the Secret Service.

In May 2012, Jeremy, as an EOD, was assigned a 30-day duty at the White House providing bomb squad support to the Secret Service, the President and family, the Vice President and family, and designated foreign dignitaries and heads of state.

In 2013, having served on campaign with the Blackhawk Squadron in Zabul Province, Afghanistan, during Operation Enduring Freedom, 2012-2013; demonstrating Honor, Valor, Courage, Skill, Selfless Service, and Dedication to duty by serving our Nation in the Global War on Terrorism, Jeremy was inducted into the Order of the Gold Star.

In 2021, in accordance with Army Regulation (AR), Jeremy was authorized to accept and wear the Czech Republic Combat Badge by Brigadier General Antonio Manera.

During his distinguished career in the Army, Jeremy was also honored with the following awards:

- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- NATO Medal
- Combat Infantryman Badge

Jeremy's military career led to many community engagement events. As an EOD, he not only protected military and Secret Service personnel and property, but also in surrounding communities, assisting local law enforcement. He has disarmed unexploded ordnance throughout the United States.

Jeremy has also participated in multiple Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) events at schools, state fairs, and various events by demonstrating EOD's robotic capabilities.

Las Plumas teacher and coach, Sammy Burnett, wrote in his letter of support for Jeremy, In his limited free time, Jeremy was a volunteer member of the Pearl Harbor National Memorial Park, showing his commitment to community and history. He spent 2010-2015 imparting his knowledge and work ethic as a youth wrestling coach in Junction City, Kansas. Throughout his career, he assisted local law enforcement by disarming unexploded ordnance, protecting the citizens in communities where he was stationed.

Jeremy makes his home in Lacey, Washington, and has two sons and a daughter.

