Athlete Israel Del Toro

Name: Israel Del Toro

Hometown:
Joliet/New Lenox, Illinois

Rank:
Technical Sergeant, Active Duty

AFSC:
1C471 (Tactical Air Control Party Craftsman)

Unit:
- 342nd Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 59th Medical Squadron, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Texas
- 4th Air Support Operations Group, Detachment 1, Wiesbaden Army Air Field, Germany
- 25th Fighter Squadron, Republic of Korea
- 18th Air Support Operations Group, Pope AFB, N.C.
- 14th Air Support Operations Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C.

Injury Type:
Burned, amputee, and nerve damage

Date of Injury:
December 4, 2005

Goals:
Live a long and happy life with my family.

"It is pretty cool to be participating in the games. I hope I do good! I'm going to go out there and give as much as I can."

Tech. Sgt. Israel Del Toro and his wife Carmen attend a preview of the Climate Change exhibition at the American Museum of Natural History during 'A Salute To Our Troops' weekend on Nov. 8, 2008 in New York City.

Tech. Sgt. Israel Del Toro recently signed a four-year re-enlistment on Feb. 4, 2010 after almost five years and enduring 120 surgeries since his vehicle drove over a roadside bomb during combat operations in Afghanistan in 2005. Del Toro was in a coma for three months after the incident and 80 percent of his body was covered in third degree burns. But, his determination helped him recover and leave Brooks Army Medical Center 22 months ahead of schedule. Sergeant Del Toro continues to serve as an instructor and recruiter for Tactical Air Control Party students. He also travels around the country giving motivational speeches and continues talking to Airmen about his experiences in Afghanistan.