

NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS

NAVAL MEDIA CENTER FLEET SUPPORT DETACHMENT SAN DIEGO

STORY: ARMED FORCES BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS and NAVY BOXER PROFILE

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VIDEO

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ANCHOR LEAD

WHEN IT COMES TO PHYSICAL CONTACT SPORTS, LIKE WRESTLING AND BOXING, THE MILITARY USUALLY HAS SOME WORLD CLASS ATHLETES.

ANCHOR #2

THAT'S RIGHT, AND THERE ARE USUALLY MILITARY WRESTLERS AND BOXERS ON THE U-S OLYMPIC TEAM.

ANCHOR #1

THE MILITARY'S BEST WRESTLERS COMPETE NEXT MONTH, BUT THE BEST "BOXERS" IN THE ARMED FORCES COMPETED AT PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA, RECENTLY, AND PETTY OFFICER BILL JOHNSON-MILES TELLS US ALL ABOUT THE HARD HITTING ACTION.

TAPE #8

30:38:22

(NATSOUND OPENING, CROWD YELLING AS MARINE KNOCKS DOWN OPPONENT, REF STOPS BOUT, MARINE CELEBRATES)

THIS WAS THE ONLY TRUE TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT AT THE ARMED FORCES BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND IT PUT LANCE CORPORAL HENRY MARKIN INTO THE FINALS. IN FACT, NINE SAILORS AND MARINES MADE IT TO THE FINALS IN THE TOURNAMENT,

FRONT OF BLDG
THEM MOVING
INSIDE BLDG,
VIDEO SPED UP

WHICH WAS HELD HERE, AT THE NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER, AND ONCE YOU ENTERED THE CENTER'S WARFIELD GYM, AND THAT BELL RANG...

(NATSOUND BREAK, BELL RINGING)

...THE HEAVY HITTING BEGAN.

(10-15 SECOND BOXING MONTAGE WITH MUSIC AND NATSOUND)

THE PORT HUENEME CROWD SEEMED TO ENJOY THE ACTION.

SK1 RENESE LOGAN
NCBC PORT HUENEME
HT: OXNARD, CA
TAPE #7
16:14:15-16:20:14

"I CAME TO SIT DOWN IN A QUIET SPOT AND WOUND UP IN A FAN SPOT. IT WAS AWESOME. I LIKED IT."

(NATSOUND BREAK, FANS CHEERING)

BUCN JAMES McRAE
NMCB-3, PORT
HUENEME, TAPE 7
HT: PORTLAND, OR
17:51:17-17:56:09

"I THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY GOOD. I WAS ALL INTO IT, GOT EXCITED, YOU KNOW."

AND THERE WAS GOOD REASON TO GET EXCITED BECAUSE THESE SERVICE MEMBERS ARE SOME OUTSTANDING BOXERS.

TONY FILIPELLI
USA BOXING, CHIEF
REFEREE JUDGE
HT: UNICA, NY

"THESE ARE CLASS A ATHLETES. THEY'RE A BIG CONTRIBUTOR TO UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAMS."

TO GET TO THE OLYMPICS, THESE BOXERS NEED TO BE MILITARY CHAMPS FIRST.

(NATSOUND BEAK)

THIS YEAR, AS IN MOST YEARS, THE ARMY PRODUCED THE MOST CHAMPIONS AND WON THE TEAM TITLE, BUT THE NAVY AND THE MARINE CORPS DID HAVE THREE OF THEIR OWN.

HOLDING ARMS

(NATSOUND BREAK) "COLONEL PAUL DUPRAE, U-S

IN THE AIR IN
VICTORY, TAPE 12
1:08:08:13

MARINE CORPS RETIRED KOREAN WAR VET, AND THE
ARMED FORCES CHAMPION, SMELDLEY, LANCE
CORPORAL, MARINE CORPS."

JAMES SMELDLEY,
LCPL, 2ND FSSG,
CAMP LEJEUNE, NC
HT: PORT HURON, MI
201+ LB CHAMPION
TAPE 12, 1:
16:16:18-16:29:04
16:33:00-16:35:25

"IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO REPRESENT THE TOTAL
ARMED FORCES AS SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP. I
JUST BEAT LAST YEAR'S SILVER MEDALIST IN THE
CISM, AND EVERYBODY THOUGHT THIS GUY WAS
GOING TO REPEAT... (AE) ...BUT I KNEW THAT I
HAD WHAT IT TOOK TO BEAT THIS GUY."

AND NOW THIS WINNER WILL BE GOING TO CISM
HIMSELF. CISM IS THE WORLD MILITARY GAMES
AND ALL THE CHAMPS WILL REPRESENT THE U-S
THERE, INCLUDING THE NAVY'S ONLY CHAMPION, S-
M-3 ISRAEL SPENCER OFF U-S-S PENSACOLA, AND
THIS TWO-TIME CHAMPION.

LCPL HENRY MARKIN
3RD FSSG, OKINAWA
HT: MANCHESTER, IA
2-TIME 156 LB CHMP
TAPE 12, 1:13:11:00
-1:13:23:01

"I'M PROUD TO BE A MARINE TODAY AND REPRESENT
THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND ARMED
FORCES, REPRESENT MY COUNTRY. IT'S A PROUD,
GREAT FEELING, HIGH ON LIFE RIGHT NOW."

HIGH ON LIFE MAY BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT...

TAPE 11
43:13:16-43:32:08

(NATSOUND BREAK, MARKIN'S HAND RAISED IN
VICTORY, THEN CELEBRATION, THEN GETTING THE
MEDAL)

JOHNSON-MILES
STANDUP, TAPE #5
49:02:00

"WELL NOW THAT WE KNOW WHO THE CHAMPIONS ARE,
WE'RE GOING TO MEET PETTY OFFICER SPENCER
HERE, TO FIND OUT JUST WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A
CHAMPION."

(NATSOUND BREAK, RUNNING)

TO BEGIN WITH, IT TAKES A LOT OF TRAINING.

SM3 ISRAEL SPENCER
USS PENSACOLA
HT: ATLANTA, GA
201 LB CHAMPION
TAPE #9
26:47:18-26:56:05

"WE RUN TWO AND A HALF MILES EACH WAY ON THE BEACH AND WE RUN EVERY DAY. WE'VE RAN EVERY DAY FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS."

AND THAT WAS JUST TO START THE DAY. IN ALL, SPENCER TRAINS ABOUT SEVEN HOURS A DAY, WHICH INCLUDES THIS...

(NATSOUND BREAK, PUSH-UPS)

AND THIS...

(NATSOUND BREAK, PUNCHING BIG BAG)

AND THIS...

(NATSOUND BREAK, SPEED BAG)

AND THIS...

(NATSOUND BREAK, JUMP ROPING)

AND LOTS OF THESE

(NATSOUND BREAK, SIT-UPS)

ABFAN STEVEN
CUNNINGHAM, USS
ENTERPRISE, HT:
PHILADELPHIA, PA
TAPE 12, 1:
11:12:04-1:20:14

"YOU KNOW, HE'S A REAL HARD WORKER. HE MAINLY PUSHES EVERYBODY ON THE TEAM, YOU KNOW. CUZ WE HAVE TO PUSH EACH OTHER AND HE'S LIKE THE FATHER OF THE TEAM, KEEPS EVERYBODY GOING."

TRAINING, WORKING HARD, WHAT ELSE DOES IT TAKE TO BE A CHAMPION?

SPENCER, TAPE 9
25:12:05-25:21:01
25:49:04-25:51:20

"TO BE A CHAMPION, I THINK IT TAKES A LOT OF DEDICATION, LOVE FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING, FOCUS... (AE) ...AND ABOVE ALL, PASSION FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING."

HAVING CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF ALSO HELPS.

WHILE HIS TEAMMATES WERE GETTING THEIR HANDS WRAPPED, HE FOUND OUT HE WOULD BE BOXING LAST ON THE FIRST NIGHT OF THE TOURNAMENT.

(NATSOUND) "THEY WANT ME TO BRING THE HOUSE DOWN." (THEN A CONFIDENT LAUGH AND SMILE TO THE CAMERA)

HE'S BEEN BOXING FOR SIX YEARS, AND FOR THE NAVY THE PAST FOUR YEARS. BUT HE HAD NEVER WON THIS TOURNAMENT.

SPENCER, TAPE 2
17:44:08-
17:59:01-18:13:14

"I'VE BEEN REAL ENTHUSED ABOUT WINNING THE ARMED FORCES , NUMBER ONE... (AE) ...AND HOPEFULLY MY DREAM WILL COME TRUE THIS YEAR. I'LL WIN THIS, I'LL GO TO THE CISM, AND AFTER THAT, YOU KNOW THE OLYMPIC YEAR STARTS NEXT YEAR."

HTC(SW,SCW)
GREGORY HIGGS,
ACU-5, CAMP
PENDLETON, HT:
HOPKINSVILLE, KY
ASST. NAVY COACH
TAPE #10
4:33:14-4:51:12

"HE HAS THE ARTILLERY TO DO IT. I MEAN, HE'S GOT THE SKILLS, HE'S GOT THE EXPERIENCE, HE'S BEEN AROUND AND HE'S DONE A LOT SO THAT HELPS HIM OUT AS FAR AS CONFIDENCE WITHIN HIMSELF. SO I HAVE NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT HE WOULD DO WELL."

SOMETIMES YOU WONDER IF THEY'RE TALKING

ABOUT BOXING, THE NAVY, OR LIFE ITSELF, OR
MAYBE ALL THREE.

SPENCER, TAPE 2
22:39:09-22:47:18

"BOXING IS FULL OF PASSION, AND IT TEACHES
YOU SOME FUNDAMENTALS IN LIFE LIKE EHM..."

LIKE HOW BEING PHYSICALLY FIT CAN HELP YOU
FEEL GREAT.

SPENCER, TAPE 2
23:10:02-23:30:07

"YOU FEEL ON TOP OF THE WORLD ALL THE TIME.
YOU KNOW, I'M IN THE BEST SHAPE I THINK I
CAN BE IN, AND I DON'T WORRY ABOUT, YOU KNOW,
SILLY THINGS. YOU KNOW IT'S RELAXING, IT'S
RELAXING TO KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, YOUR MIND'S
RIGHT, YOUR MENTAL'S RIGHT, YOUR PHYSICAL'S
RIGHT. YOU KNOW, WHAT ELSE DOES IT TAKE TO
BE HAPPY."

HOW ABOUT WINNING A CHAMPIONSHIP, OR A GOLD
MEDAL. BUT FIRST YOU HAVE TO COMPETE.

(NATSOUND SEQUENCE, SPENCER BEING ANNOUNCED,
BOXING AND THEN HAND RAISED IN VICTORY)

AND HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE A CHAMPION, THE
ONLY NAVY CHAMPION IN THE TOURNAMENT.

"UNDESCRIBABLE, FEELS WONDERFUL, IT'S A LONG
TIME COMING, A LONG TIME COMING."

SPENCER KNOWS WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CHAMPION,

HE WEARS THE ARMED FORCES GOLD MEDAL. BUT
NOW, HE WOULD LIKE TO WIN AN OLYMPIC GOLD
MEDAL. PETTY OFFICER BILL JOHNSON-MILES,
PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA.