

Melissa Stockwell

At a glance...

3-Time World Champion U.S. Paralympian

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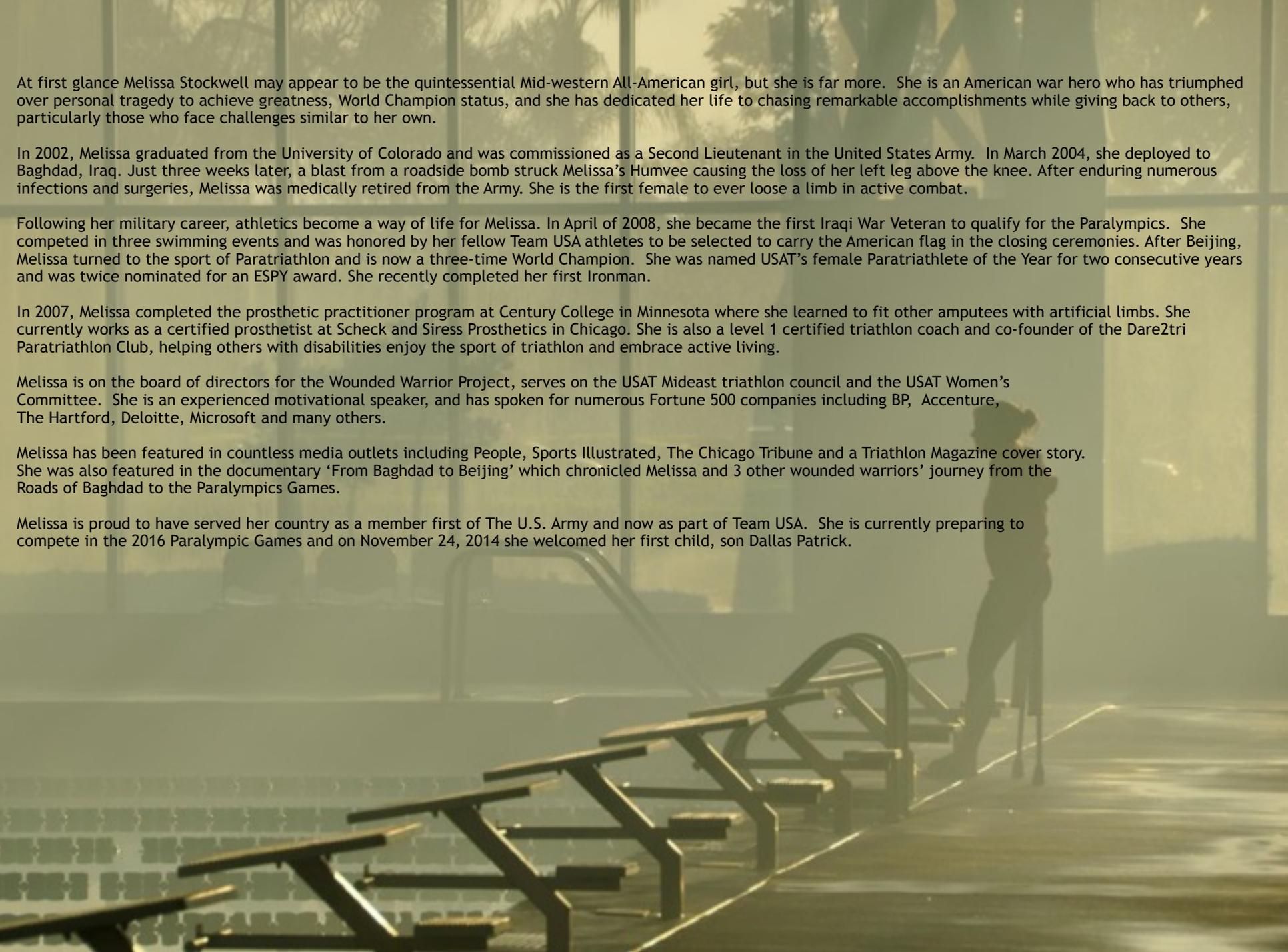
Points of Interest

- A first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Melissa was the first female soldier in U.S. history to lose a limb in active combat.
- For her services to our country, Melissa was awarded the Bronze Star & Purple Heart.
- Melissa competed in the 2008 Beijing Paralympics in swimming and was selected by the entire U.S. Team to carry the America flag in the closing ceremonies.
- In 2009 she switched to triathlon and is now a 3-Time World Champion and Ironman.
- In 2016, the sport of Triathlon will make its debut as part of the Rio Paralympic Games.
- Melissa is a 2-Time ESPY Award Nominee.
- Melissa co-founded Dare2Tri, a nonprofit organization that introduces people with disabilities to the sport of triathlon and promotes active, healthy lifestyles.
- Melissa is a highly experienced motivational speaker.
- Melissa sits on the Board of Directors of The Wounded Warrior Project.
- Melissa is both a certified Prosthetist and USAT Level 1 Triathlon Coach.
- In November 24, 2014 Melissa began her greatest challenge yet - motherhood, giving birth to a son, Dallas Patrick.



DOB: Jan 31, 1980
Born: Grand Haven, MI
Resides: Chicago, IL

Height: 5'5"
Weight: 130 lbs.
Education: University of Colorado,
Boulder

A person is seen from behind, using a prosthetic limb on a treadmill in a gym. The person is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and shorts. The gym has large windows in the background, and the scene is lit with warm, golden light. The person is standing on a treadmill, and their right leg is a prosthetic. The background shows other gym equipment and a large window looking out onto a bright outdoor area.

At first glance Melissa Stockwell may appear to be the quintessential Mid-western All-American girl, but she is far more. She is an American war hero who has triumphed over personal tragedy to achieve greatness, World Champion status, and she has dedicated her life to chasing remarkable accomplishments while giving back to others, particularly those who face challenges similar to her own.

In 2002, Melissa graduated from the University of Colorado and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. In March 2004, she deployed to Baghdad, Iraq. Just three weeks later, a blast from a roadside bomb struck Melissa's Humvee causing the loss of her left leg above the knee. After enduring numerous infections and surgeries, Melissa was medically retired from the Army. She is the first female to ever lose a limb in active combat.

Following her military career, athletics become a way of life for Melissa. In April of 2008, she became the first Iraqi War Veteran to qualify for the Paralympics. She competed in three swimming events and was honored by her fellow Team USA athletes to be selected to carry the American flag in the closing ceremonies. After Beijing, Melissa turned to the sport of Paratriathlon and is now a three-time World Champion. She was named USAT's female Paratriathlete of the Year for two consecutive years and was twice nominated for an ESPY award. She recently completed her first Ironman.

In 2007, Melissa completed the prosthetic practitioner program at Century College in Minnesota where she learned to fit other amputees with artificial limbs. She currently works as a certified prosthetist at Scheck and Siess Prosthetics in Chicago. She is also a level 1 certified triathlon coach and co-founder of the Dare2tri Paratriathlon Club, helping others with disabilities enjoy the sport of triathlon and embrace active living.

Melissa is on the board of directors for the Wounded Warrior Project, serves on the USAT Mideast triathlon council and the USAT Women's Committee. She is an experienced motivational speaker, and has spoken for numerous Fortune 500 companies including BP, Accenture, The Hartford, Deloitte, Microsoft and many others.

Melissa has been featured in countless media outlets including People, Sports Illustrated, The Chicago Tribune and a Triathlon Magazine cover story. She was also featured in the documentary 'From Baghdad to Beijing' which chronicled Melissa and 3 other wounded warriors' journey from the Roads of Baghdad to the Paralympic Games.

Melissa is proud to have served her country as a member first of The U.S. Army and now as part of Team USA. She is currently preparing to compete in the 2016 Paralympic Games and on November 24, 2014 she welcomed her first child, son Dallas Patrick.

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WOUNDED WARRIOR TO WORLD CHAMP

Read Melissa Stockwell's amazing story of victory beyond the battlefield.



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MELISSA STOCKWELL

As a three-time paratriathlon world champion, Melissa came back through the organization's efforts, by providing training and equipment for athletes with disabilities.

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