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## **JARRID COLLINS** **(Ret) First Sergeant,** **U.S. Army**

First Sergeant (Ret.) Jarrid Collins is a speaker with the PenFed Foundation Speakers Bureau & Head of Non-Disaster Programs at Operation BBQ Relief, a disaster relief nonprofit organization. Collins is an experienced key note speaker project manager & operational advisor, with a demonstrated history of working in the military industry, intelligence community, interagency & non-profits. He is skilled in leadership coaching, organizational leadership, crisis management, organizational restructuring, emergency management & military liaison.

During Collin's exceptional 23 year Army career, he served as an Intelligence Analyst (96B), Special Forces Medical Sergeant (18D), Senior Medic & Team Sergeant (18Z) & HHC First Sergeant for SWMG. Collings served numerous South America deployments, & deployments to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom & multiple deployments as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom & Operation New Dawn.

Collins was injured during a 2007 deployment to Afghanistan which caused him complications, severe pain & loss of function in his foot & leg. In 2014, he made the difficult decision to have his leg amputated below the knee in order to truly live a full & rewarding life.

In April 2018, First Sergeant Collins was awarded the prestigious Major General Singlaub award. This award is given to one soldier per year within the entire Army Special Operations Command's 26,000 people. The Major General Singlaub Award is presented to deserving recipients who exemplify the Army Special Operations Forces Next traits, the Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF) promise, & demonstrate an unwavering commitment to bettering ARSOF.

Awards & decorations include the Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan & Iraq Campaign Medals, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, MFFJM Badge, the Legion of Merit & Special Forces Tab.



Collins, an accomplished athlete, will run & bike across the country to raise awareness for Operation BBQ Relief. He medaled for Team U.S.A. at the 2018 Invictus Games in Sydney, Australia & also earned medals on the Special Operations Command Team at the 2018 DoD Warrior Games.