



## Kevin Tranz Class of 2015

Kevin joined the Lacey Matcats Youth Wrestling Program at the age of 4 where he competed until reaching Middle School. During his time as a youth wrestler with the Lacey Matcats, Kevin was coached by Doug Moore and later Jeff Gauthier. Kevin competed in the New Jersey State Youth Wrestling Championships and reached the Championship podium several times. In 2003 Kevin placed 4th in the State, in 2005 Kevin placed 8th in the State, and in 2006 Kevin took 2nd place in the State. Kevin wrestled for the Lacey Lions Middle School team under coach Skip Peters and enjoyed much success. Upon entering high school Kevin took a hiatus and during his senior year Kevin rejoined the Lacey Lions under coach Tom Pfister. Kevin was able to reach the regionals for the States and placed 3rd in District 24. In 2009 Kevin participated in the Lacey Township Police Department Junior Police Academy where he was awarded the overall physical fitness award. Upon graduating Lacey Township High School Kevin enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on April 25, 2016. Upon completing recruit training he entered the Infinity Training Battalion where he became a machine gunner. He was assigned to the second battalion second marine regiment of the weapons platoon machine gun section Easy Company and is stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Kevin served as the team leader for over one year during their deployment to Norway. Upon returning from deployment he was meritoriously promoted to Corporal after attending the advanced machine gunner course. Kevin then served as the squad leader during their deployment to Japan. Upon returning from deployment Kevin became the Easy Company machine gun section leader and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Currently Kevin is the acting Easy Company weapons platoon, Platoon Sergeant. Kevin is preparing for his third deployment in the near future. Kevin credits his family, his wrestling coaches, and the many wonderful teachers of Lacey Township for the discipline and hard work ethic that the United States Marine Corps demands. Kevin is due to complete his military commitment in 2022 at which time he plans on returning to his hometown of Lacey Township. Kevin aspires to become a Lacey Township Police Officer and give back to the community that has given him so much.