



Matthew James Floyd

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Matthew was born on December 8, 1987 and raised in Aynor, S.C. He was introduced to the shag at age 12 by his parents, Rocky and Catherine Floyd. In 2002 Matthew won his first National Shag Dance Championship in the Junior 1 Division and later won the Junior II Division for 3 consecutive years with his sister and partner Kristen Floyd. He competed in dozens of junior shag contests, danced for the National Shag Dance Team for two years in 2005 and 2006, and placed 4th in the Professional Division with his wife, Myers Floyd, in 2012. Matthew graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Defense and Strategic Studies. He went on to serve for six years as an Army Engineer Officer, deploying to Iraq in support of Operations New Dawn 2011 and leaving the service at the rank of Captain in 2016. While in the military he held multiple positions, including platoon leader while in Iraq, company commander at Fort Bliss, TX. and senior instructor at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. and he is a graduate of the Sapper Leader Course. He continues to preserve the dance through his participation in the shag community and as an instructor. Currently he is a project manager at ROVE and resides in Charlotte, N.C.