

## Grant Garmon

Our newest inductee into the VA Junior Shaggers Hall of Fame started early and high profile: dancing on parade floats in VA beach with his mother, the late, beloved Karen Garmon. It was Karen who started him with the basics and intermediates, along with Junior shag mentors of the Virginia Beach Shag Club such as Fran Harris, Peter Jones, Larry Williams, Jan Weakley & Billy White. His competitive career started in 1994 with his first Jr SOS: dozens of pretty girls and first place in the mixed doubles at the old Boulevard Grill. His first partner was Leah Sanderson, and by 1998 they competed at the Nationals and Grand Nationals. Staying at the top, he partnered with Leslie Melton and took first place in Junior II at the Nationals and Grand Nationals in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

He joined the US Army in 2003 and completed Iraq combat tours with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division as a scout and continued service in the Army –attaining the rank of sergeant- through 2015.

He finished phase one of his competitive career in 2008 at the Nationals with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Pro division with Leslie Melton Jennings. He is currently living in Virginia Beach and is pursuing an ongoing career in law enforcement. Needless to say, we are all looking forward to his active return to the Carolina Shag universe as one of its most gifted and dazzling performers. Ladies & Gentlemen, please welcome, with a huge round of applause, none other than Mr. Grant Garmon!!