

Biography

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen P. Snyder

Executive Officer

U.S. Army Parachute Team, “Golden Knights”



Hometown: Langhorne, PA

School Attended: Valley Forge Military College/Saint Joseph University

Biographical Sketch

Lieutenant Colonel Steve Snyder graduated from Valley Forge Military College and Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. He earned a commission as a 2LT in Field Artillery. He was assigned to the 1st BN 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. LTC Snyder served as a Fire Support Officer for 3rd BN 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Reconnaissance and Survey Officer for 1st BN 319th AFAR, Executive Officer for A Battery 1st BN 319th AFAR, Executive Officer for Headquarters and Service Battery 1st BN 319th AFAR, and Battalion Maintenance Officer. In June 2002, LTC Snyder served as Assistant Operations Officer for 1st BN 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division and deployed to combat in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). In 2003, he attended the Aviation Captains Career Course, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training, and the UH-60 Qualification Course at Fort Rucker, AL. LTC Snyder was assigned to 3/4 Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX and assumed duties as the Battalion S4. In 2005, LTC Snyder assumed command of HHC 3/4 AVN REGT and deployed his unit to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) from 2005-2006. While deployed, he flew numerous combat missions in support of ground operations within the Baghdad area of operations. After redeployment, LTC Snyder successfully assessed and was selected as an Operational Advisor for the US Army's Asymmetric Warfare Group (AWG), Fort Meade, MD. After graduating from the AWG's Tactical Training Course, LTC Snyder assumed command of 6th Troop Baker Squadron and led his unit for 4 tours of combat in Afghanistan from 2009 thru 2011. He then assumed duties as S3 of Able Squadron, AWG, where he planned and participated in operations throughout the Army's Combatant Commands. From 2012 thru 2014, LTC Snyder graduated from the Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). Throughout his career, LTC Snyder has served as an Operations and Plans officer at the Corps, Army, Joint, and Multinational Headquarters level. In 2014, LTC Snyder was assigned to G5, XVIII Airborne Corps and immediately deployed to the International Joint Command, Afghanistan. While deployed, LTC Snyder planned, and assisted in the combat employment of the Afghan National Security Forces at the International Joint Command, NATO-International Security Assistance Force, and Headquarters Resolute Support. He is currently serving as the Executive Officer of the famed US Army Parachute Team, the "Golden Knights".



LTC Snyder's civilian education includes an A.A. from Valley Forge Military College, a B.S. from Saint Joseph's University, a Master of Arts in Business and Operational Security Management from Webster's University, and a Masters in Military Operations and Art from the Command and General Staff College.

LTC Snyder's Awards and decorations include; the Bronze Star (1OLC), Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (5 stars), Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Aviator Badge, Airborne Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Army Staff Badge, and Ranger Tab. He is a graduate of the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape-C (SERE) course, qualified as a Military Mountaineer, and a certified L.I.N.E.S. Combatives Instructor. His foreign decorations include: the German Army Physical Fitness Badge (Gold), German Armed Forces Badge for Weapons Proficiency (Schutzschnur Silver), and the Norwegian Road March Badge.

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