MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Golden Knight Assessment and Selection Application Form

1. Purpose: The United States Army Parachute Team (USAPT) conducts the Golden Knight Assessment and Selection (GKAS) Program annually to fill vacant positions.

2. Scope: Per AR 614-5, personnel assigned to the USAPT are stabilized for a period of 48 months. Applicants must have a minimum of 4 years remaining in service following the date of assignment to the USAPT. Selectees must reenlist or extend to meet the service obligation, if they fail to meet the minimum requirement. Commanders must ensure that all stop-loss and current unit stabilization codes are lifted prior to acceptance to attend the GKAS program. Applicants may request an exception to GKAS requirements through the USAPT Command Sergeant Major prior to the Assessment and Selection start date. This packet is due to the USAPT NLT 21 July 2017.

3. Background: Soldiers who successfully complete Assessment and Selection and are selected to become a Golden Knight will be assigned to one of the Demonstration Teams. Competitors are selected from within the U.S. Army Parachute Team. Our Black and Gold Demonstration Teams spend over 250 days per year TDY. It is important that GKAS candidates and their families understand this reality prior to applying to mitigate issues, problems, or concerns with the tough and demanding operational tempo.

4. Notes to Commanders:
   a. Applicants are not required to be on Jump Status or Airborne Qualified.
   b. Upon successful completion, Soldiers will receive assignment instructions to the United States Army Parachute Team (W027T1), Fort Bragg, NC 28310. Report date will be NLT 30 November 2017.
   c. Questions concerning this application should be addressed directly to the CSM, USAPT.
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5. Point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at 910-907-3204 or rodney.d.odell.mil@mail.mil.

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