Biography

Sergeant First Class Justin Runion
Aviation Detachment Sergeant
U.S. Army Parachute Team, “Golden Knights”

Personal Statistics

Hometown: Erwin, Tennessee
School Attended: Unicoi County High School

Biographical Sketch

SFC Justin Runion is the Aviation Detachment Sergeant, serving the United States Army Parachute Team’s Aviation Detachment.

Justin entered the US Army in 1999 and attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Ft Benning, GA. Later he reclassed to the Aviation Branch in January 2007 as a UH-60 Helicopter Repairer.

Throughout his career duty stations have included Ft. Benning, GA, Ft. Campbell, Ky and Andrews AFB, MD. At Ft. Campbell he worked as a Production Control NCO and Crew Chief for C Company 1/160th SOAR(A). He also worked as Battalion Maintenance NCO for the United States Army Priority Air Transport (USAPAT) until his assignment to the U.S. Army Parachute Team in 2016.

SFC Runion has multiple deployments covering 5 campaigns in Iraq and 3 campaigns in Afghanistan. He has been awarded a Meritorious Service Medal, an Air Medal, four Army Commendations and four Army Achievement Medals. He also holds the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, and a Senior Air Crewmember Badge.

SFC Runion has a daughter and a son, Kelsey and Taylor.