

Biography

Sergeant First Class Laura Dickmeyer
Competitor, Women's Competition Team
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"



Personal Statistics

Hometown: Abilene, Texas
School Attended: Cooper High School

Biographical Sketch

Sergeant First Class Laura Dickmeyer is an Intelligence Specialist, serving as a competition parachutist with the Women's Competition Team.

Laura joined the Army to gain a sense of National Service with the eventual intent of becoming a Golden Knight. After enlisting into the Army in April of 2005, Dickmeyer completed Basic Training at Ft Leonardwood, Missouri and Advanced Individual Training schools at Ft Huachuca, Arizona. After completion of Airborne School at Ft Benning, Georgia she was then assigned to 3rd Special Forces Group A at Ft Bragg, North Carolina.

With over 650 jumps to her credit having started in November of 2002, Laura chose to attend the Golden Knight Assessment and Selection Program in 2008. This program is used by the Knights to assess skydivers' skills and evaluate their team working abilities. Finally she was 'knighted' and spent her first year in continued training with the Gold Demonstration Team.

SFC Dickmeyer has been to Afghanistan twice with the 3rd Special Forces Group. She has earned the Bronze Star, Army Commendation, and Army Achievement Medals along the way.

The Golden Knights Female 4-Way Team, established in 2011, won Gold in Formation Skydiving, Silver in Classic Accuracy and an Overall Gold at the 2011 CISM World Military Parachuting Championships in Brazil. The following year, in 2012, GKF4 won Bronze at the Shamrock Showdown in Deland, FL and Gold at the FAI World Cup in Prostějov, Czech Republic. At USPA Nationals 2012, GKF4 won Bronze in Open 4-Way, also becoming the first all-female team to accomplish this feat. In Dubai, at the FAI World Parachuting Championships, GKF4 won Silver in the Women's 4-Way event. In 2013, GKF4 won Silver at the FAI World Cup in Bosnia and repeated the Bronze win at the USPA Nationals in Ottawa, IL. Most recently, in 2014, GKF4 has won Silver at the Paraclete XP Outdoor Championships, Silver in the Women's Category at the Bodyflight World Challenge in Bedford, UK, Silver at the FAI World Parachuting Championships in Prostějov, Czech Republic and Bronze at the USPA Nationals in Ottawa, IL. GKF4 rounded out the 2014 season by winning Gold in Formation Skydiving at the CISM World Military Championships in Solo, Republic of Indonesia.



Laura has also completed an Associates of Arts degree from the University of Maryland.

Now with over 5,000 jumps she still enjoys jumping on the side as a Tandem, Accelerated Free Fall Instructor and coach. In her free time she also enjoys scuba diving, climbing and yoga.

