

# Biography



*Staff Sergeant Mike Koch*

Demonstration Parachutist, Gold Team

U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"

## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Holmen, WI

School Attended: Holmen, High School

## Biographical Sketch

SSG Mike Koch is serving on the Team as a Demonstration Parachutist of the Gold Team.

Mike enlisted into the Army more than nine years ago and attended Basic Training at Ft Benning, GA. Immediately after, his Advanced Individual Training as a Communications Specialist was held at Ft Gordon, GA.

Throughout his career duty stations have included the Ft Drum, NY, Yongsan, Korea and Ft Bragg, NC. He has also served tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.



In 2013 Koch attended the rigorous Assessment and Selection Program for the United States Army Parachute Team. Upon completion of the program, he was knighted and assigned to the Gold Demonstration Team.

Prior to making the "Golden Knights" he has earned two Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, the Non Commissioned Officer Evaluation School, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Korean National Defense Service ribbon, the National Defense Service Ribbon, Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Afghani Campaign Medal and his Military Parachutist Badge.

Mike began jumping in 2009 and has since logged more than 1,400 free fall parachute jumps and 28 Military Static Line Jumps.

In his free time, he enjoys fishing, skydiving and scuba diving.

