

# Biography



*Sgt. 1st Class Mike Koch*

Team Leader, Black Team

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

## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Holmen, Wis.

School Attended: Holmen, High School

## Biographical Sketch

Sgt. 1st Class Mike Koch serves as the Team Leader and Demonstration Parachutist of the Black Team for the U.S. Army Parachute Team.

Koch enlisted in the Army in 2004. He attended basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. He then moved on to his advanced individual training as a 25W Communications Specialist, at Fort Gordon, Ga.

His previous duty stations include Fort Drum, NY, Yongsan, South Korea and Fort Bragg, N.C. 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.

Koch has been awarded the 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, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal, and his Parachutist Badge.

Mike began jumping in 2009 and has since logged more than 2,950 free-fall parachute jumps and 28 military static line jumps. He also holds a Tandem Instructor and Coach rating.

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

