

Biography

Sgt. 1st Class Ryan O'Rourke

Assistant Team Leader, Black Team

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



Personal Statistics

Hometown: Tampa, Fla.

School Attended: Henry Bradley Plant High School

Biographical Sketch

Sgt. 1st Class Ryan O'Rourke serves as a Demonstration Parachutist and Assistant Team Leader of the Black Demonstration Team for the U.S. Army Parachute Team.

O'Rourke enlisted in the Army in 2006. He attended basic training and advanced individual training to become an Infantryman (11B) at Fort Benning, Ga.

His previous duty stations include Joint Base Lewis McCord, Wash., Fort Benning, Ga., as well as a Basic Airborne Instructor, and Fort Bragg, N. C. as a Test Parachutist until assignment to the United States Parachute Team in 2018.



O'Rourke has five tours to Afghanistan and three tours to Iraq. He has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutists Badge and Master Military Free-Fall Parachutist Badge.

Since learning to skydive in 2015, O'Rourke has logged more than 1,562 free-fall parachute jumps and 45 military static line jumps. He is also a Level 1 Wind Tunnel instructor.

In his free time Ryan enjoys indoor skydiving, long range shooting, hunting and spending time with family.

