

Biography



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Johnny Pickett
Pilot / Aviation Detachment
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"

Personal Statistics

Hometown: New Orleans, Louisiana
School Attended: Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Biographical Sketch

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Johnny Pickett, an Army Aviator, serves as a pilot on the United States Army Parachute Team, nicknamed the Golden Knights.

Pickett enlisted into the Army in 1998 as a 35N Wire Systems Repairman, and reclassified in 2003 to 37F Psychological Operations Specialists. In 2010, he was accepted to attend Warrant Officer Candidate School and U. S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence. Since then he has logged more than 1,600 flight hours, including two combat tours as an aviator. Throughout his career, he has flown the TH-67 (Creek), the HH/UH-60L (Blackhawk), the C-12U (King Air), the MC-12 (King Air), the KA-300 (King Air), and the ARL-M (Dash 7). Currently Mr. Pickett flies the teams C-147A (Dash 8), and the UV-18C (Twin Otter).

Pickett's previous assignments include: Fort Hood, TX, Camp Humphreys, Korea, Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Bragg, N.C., PACOM Augmentation teams at USEMB (US Embassy) Bangladesh, Thailand, Cambodia, and USEMB Afghanistan, Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii, 2-501st General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Armored Division Fort Bliss, Texas, Alpha Company 6-52 AVN, Camp Humphreys, Korea, 15th Military Intelligence BN, Fort Hood, Texas, 3rd MI BN, Camp Humphreys, Korea.



His awards include the Senior Army Aviator's Badge, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (5), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal (4), National Defense Service Medal (2), Afghanistan Campaign Service Medal (3), Iraq Campaign Service Medal (2), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal (3), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (4), and the NATO Service Medal.

In his free time Pickett enjoys spending time with his family, and attending sporting events.

