

Biography



Sgt. 1st Class Justin Runion

Aviation Detachment First Sergeant

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

Personal Statistics

Hometown: Erwin, Tennessee

School Attended: Unicoi County High School

Biographical Sketch

Sgt. 1st Class Justin Runion serves the First Sergeant for the Aviation Detachment of the United States Army Parachute Team.

Runion entered the Army in 1999 and attended basic and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga. Later he changed his military occupational specialty to a UH-60 Helicopter Repairer.

His previous duty stations included Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Campbell, Ky. and Andrews AFB, Md. While assigned to Fort Campbell, Ky. he worked as a Production Control non commissioned officer and Crew Chief for 1/160th SOAR(A). He also worked as Battalion Maintenance NCO for the United States Army Priority Air Transport until his assignment to the U.S. Army Parachute Team in 2016.



Runion has multiple deployments covering five campaigns in Iraq and three campaigns in Afganistan. He has been awarded a Meritorious Service Medal, an Air Medal, four Army Commendations and four Army Achievement Medals. He also holds the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and a Senior Air Crewmember Badge.

Runion enjoys spening time with his daughter and son, Kelsey and Taylor.

