

Biography



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Nicholas Vanicek
Pilot, Aviation Detachment
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"

Personal Statistics

Hometown: West Chester, OH
School Attended: Ohio State University

Biographical Sketch

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Nicholas Vanicek, a Fixed Wing Aviator, is assigned to the U.S. Army Parachute Team's Aviation Detachment.

Originally from Ohio, Vanicek attended Ohio State University where he graduated with degrees in Biology and Spanish. Vanicek joined the Army in 2011 through the Warrant Officer Flight Training program, going straight from basic training to the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence. Throughout his career, he has flown the TH-67 (Creek), OH-58D (Kiowa Warrior), C-12V (King Air) and RC-12X (Guardrail). Currently, Mr. Vanicek flies the team's UV-18C (Twin Otter) and DHC8.

Vanicek's previous assignments include: 6-17 Air Cavalry Squadron, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska with duty in South Korea; , 6-52 Aviation Regiment at Ft. Knox, Ky.; and Safety Officer and



3d Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation) at Camp Humphreys, South Korea. Vanicek has more than 3,000 flight hours, with more than 200 civilian hours, 300 rotary wing hours, and over 2000 multi-engine airplane hours.

His awards include the Army Senior Aviator Badge, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Medal, and Overseas Service Ribbon (3).

In his free time Vanicek enjoys training for marathons.

