

# Biography

*Sergeant First Class Derrick Coleman*  
Demonstration Parachutist, Black Team  
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"



## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida  
School Attended: Terry Parker High School

## Biographical Sketch

Sergeant First Class Derrick Coleman is a Parachute Maintenance Technician serving as a Parachute Rigger and Demonstration Parachutist for the Black Team.

Coleman entered the Army in September 2001 and served with the 782nd Main Support Battalion and 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.



In September 2002 Coleman attended the Golden Knight Assessment and Selection Program, an arduous six-week tryout program in which a jumpers skills and team working abilities are tested and challenged. Upon completion of the Assessment and Selection Program, Coleman was Knighted and served on the Gold Demonstration team for the next six years.

Derrick began skydiving in January 1995 and has logged more than 3,150 freefall parachute jumps. As a member of the Knights he maintains parachute equipment and travels the country performing precision parachute demonstrations with his team.

In his free time he enjoys spending time with his wife Michelle and son Bruce.

