

Biography

Sergeant First Class Laura Davis
Tandem Coordinator, Operations
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"



Personal Statistics

Hometown: Abilene, Texas

School Attended: Cooper High School and University of Maryland

Biographical Sketch

Sergeant First Class Laura Davis is an Intelligence Specialist, serving as a Tandem Coordinator in the Operations Section.

Laura joined the Army to gain a sense of National Service with the eventual intent of becoming a Golden Knight. After enlisting into the Army in April of 2005, Davis completed Basic Training at Ft Leonardwood, Missouri and Advanced Individual Training schools at Ft Huachuca, Arizona. After completion of Airborne School at Ft Benning, Georgia she was then assigned to 3rd Special Forces Group A at Ft Bragg, North Carolina. SFC Davis has been to Afghanistan twice with the 3rd Special Forces Group. She has earned the Bronze Star, Army Commendation, and Army Achievement Medals along the way.

With over 650 jumps to her credit having started in November of 2002, Laura chose to attend the Golden Knight Assessment and Selection Program in 2008. This program is used by the Knights to assess skydivers' skills and evaluate their team working abilities. Finally she was 'knighted' and spent her first year in continued training with the Gold Demonstration Team.

At the USPA Nationals 2012, GKF4 won Bronze in Open 4-Way, also becoming the first all-female team to accomplish this feat. In Dubai, at the FAI World Parachuting Championships, GKF4 won Silver in the Women's 4-Way event. In 2013, GKF4 won Silver at the FAI World Cup in Bosnia and repeated the Bronze win at the USPA Nationals in Ottawa, IL. In 2014, GKF4 has won Silver at the Paraclete XP Outdoor Championships, Silver in the Women's Category at the Bodyflight World Challenge in Bedford, UK, Silver at the FAI World Parachuting Championships in Prostějov, Czech Republic and Bronze at the USPA Nationals in Ottawa, IL. GKF4 rounded out the 2014 season by winning Gold in Formation Skydiving at the CISM World Military Championships in Solo, Republic of Indonesia.



2015 brought eight different competitions in five different countries. The GKF4 medal count increased by three bronze and four gold medals, including Champions of the World Air Games in 2015 Dubai. In 2016, GKF4 won Gold at the FAI World Championships in 4-way Female Formation Skydiving, completing a 6-year mission.

Laura has also completed an Associates of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from the University of Maryland.

Now with over 7,000 jumps she still enjoys jumping on the side as a Tandem, Accelerated Free Fall Instructor and Coach Examiner. In her free time she enjoys scuba diving, climbing, yoga and spending time with her family.

