

Biography



Sergeant First Class Marcus Denniston

Instructor / Videographer, Tandem Team

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

Personal Statistics

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

School Attended: Washington High School

Biographical Sketch

SFC Marcus Denniston, is serving on the Tandem Team as an Tandem Instructor and Videographer.

Denniston enlisted in the Army more than fifteen years ago and attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Immediately after he attended Advanced Individual Training as a Petroleum Supply Specialist 92F -at Fort Lee, Virginia and was stationed at K-16 Republic of Korea and then to Fort Lewis, Washington.

He then attended Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, California to learn Arabic and went to his second Advanced Individual Training at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas to become a 35P Cryptologic Linguist.

He was then stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas where he deployed as a Cryptologic Linguist Supervisor with 2STB, 2HBCT, 11D to Baghdad, Iraq 2010-2011. Following his deployment he was assigned as an Arabic Military Language Instructor for three years at the Defense Language Institute.

Denniston then went on to serve as a Special Operations Team Alpha Team Sergeant in 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (A) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina until being assigned to the U. S. Army Parachute Team in 2016.



SFC Denniston's awards and decorations include: the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism, National Defense Service Medal, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon and Army Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Citation, Airborne wings, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon.

Since learning to skydive in 2010 he has earned his Tandem & AFF Instructor ratings and logged over 4,200 free fall parachute jumps of which more than 450 are Tandems. He has over 300 B.A.S.E. jumps and 9 Military Static line jumps. When given the opportunity he competes in Canopy Piloting and Vertical Formation Skydiving.

In his free time he enjoys studying languages, skydiving, speed flying, B.A.S.E. Jumping, snowboarding, wake boarding, flying in the wind tunnel and rock climbing.

