

# Biography

*Sergeant First Class James Hackett*  
Instructor / Videographer, Tandem Team  
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"



## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Bradenton, Florida  
School Attended: Manatee High School

## Biographical Sketch

Sergeant First Class James Hackett is serving as a Tandem Instructor and Videographer on the Tandem Team.

Jimmy enlisted more than 19 years ago and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO as a Military Policeman, 31B. This led him to many overseas deployments; two in Afghanistan and one to Iraq.



In 2013, while stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany as the Provost Sergeant, Jimmy chose to attend the Golden Knight Assessment and Selection Program. This program is used by the Knights to assess skydiver's skills and evaluate their team working abilities. He started jumping in 2006 and has logged more than 3,500 freefall jumps, 500 tandems and 58 military static line jumps.

Jimmy also holds, Coach, Accelerated Free Fall Instructor, Tandem Instructor and Pro Demonstration Ratings. His awards include one Defense Meritorious Service Medal, one Meritorious Service Medal, seven Army Commendations, five Army Achievement Medals and Combat Action Badge as well as his Military Free fall badge and Senior Parachutist Badge.

In his free time, he enjoys snowboarding, hunting and spending time with his family.

