

# Biography

*Sergeant First Class Jacob Kerkow*  
Demonstration Parachutist, Gold Team  
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"



## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Forest Lake, Minnesota  
School Attended: Forest Lake Senior High

## Biographical Sketch

Sergeant First Class Jacob Kerkow a 68W, Combat Medic, serving on the Gold Demonstration Team as demonstration parachutist.

Jake enlisted more than 11 years ago. He attended Basic Combat Training at Ft. Knox, KY and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Sam Houston, TX. Throughout his career, duty stations have included Ft. Bragg NC and Ft. Wainwright, AK where he has worked as a combat medic and health care specialist.



He attended the rigorous Assessment and Selection Program for the United States Army Parachute Team in September 2017 and is assigned to the Gold Demonstration Team.

SSG Kerkow has served one tour in Iraq. He has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal and the Meritorious Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He has also earned his Expert Field Medical badge.

Since learning to skydive in 2015, he has logged over 1,000 free fall parachute jumps. In his free time, he enjoys dirt biking, golf, and woodworking.

