

Biography

Sergeant First Class Ryan O'Rourke

Assistant Team Leader, Black Team

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



Personal Statistics

Hometown: Tampa, Florida

School Attended: Henry Bradley Plant High School

Biographical Sketch

SFC Ryan O'Rourke, is serving as a Demonstration Parachutist and Assistant Team Leader of the Black Demonstration Team.

Ryan enlisted more than thirteen years ago and attended Basic training and Advanced Individual Training to become an Infantryman (11B) at Fort Benning, GA.

Throughout his career, duty stations have included Joint Base Lewis McCord, WA, serving as an Airborne Ranger on multiple tours, Fort Benning, GA serving as a Multi-Purpose Canine Trainer, as well as a Basic Airborne Instructor, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina as a Test Parachutist until assignment to the United States Parachute Team in 2018.



Ryan has had five tours to Afghanistan and three tours to Iraq. He has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Ranger Tab, Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutists Badge and Master Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge.

Since learning to skydive in 2015, Ryan has logged more than 1,562 free fall parachute jumps and 45 military static line jumps.

In his free time Ryan enjoys indoor skydiving, long range shooting, hunting and spending time with family.

