Biography

Sergeant First Class Brandan Parra Team Leader, Gold Team U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"



Personal Statistics

Hometown: Anchorage, Alaska School Attended: East High School

Biographical Sketch

Sergeant First Class Brandan Parra is currently serving as he Team leader of the Gold Demonstration Team.

Brandan enlisted into the U.S. Army more than twenty years ago and attended basic and advanced individual training as an 11B, Infantryman, at Ft. Benning, GA.

Through out his career duty stations have included 207th LRSD Fort Richardson, Alaska. 1-325th AIR Fort Bragg, NC. 1-501 PIR Fort Richardson, Alaska. Prior to being selected for the U.S Army Parachute Team he was assigned to West Point Military Academy, NY as a Warrior Transition

Brigade Squad Leader. SFC Parra attended the rigorous Golden Knights Assessment and selection in September of 2012 and was assigned to Gold Team in January 2013.

SFC Parra has served two tours in Iraq and one tour in Afghanistan. He has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, five Valorous Unit Awards, four Army Commendation Medals, seven Army Achievement Medal, five Army Good Conduct Medals and the NATO Service Medal. He has also earned the National Defense Medal, five Overseas Medals, Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Columbian HALO Wings.

Since learning to skydive in 2011 he has logged more than 5,125 free fall parachute jumps and 32 military static line jumps. He holds his coach and instructor ratings.

In his free time he enjoys scuba, diving, Snowboarding, Skateboarding and spending time with his family.



