

# Biography

*Sergeant First Class Jeshua Stahler*

Competitor, Vertical Formation Program

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



## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Orlando, Florida

School Attended: Orangewood Christian School

## Biographical Sketch

Sergeant First Class Jesse Stahler is a 92R, Parachute Maintenance Technician, serving on the Team as a member of the Formation Skydiving Program.

Jesse enlisted more than 10 years ago and attended Basic training at Ft. Jackson, SC. In route he earned his Airborne Parachutists badge, then continued on to his Advanced Individual Training as a Parachute Rigger in Ft. Lee, VA. After thirteen weeks of training and a graduate with Distinctive Honors he was assigned to the 11th Quartermaster Co of Ft. Bragg, NC. During Operation Unified Response, following the earthquake in Haiti. Stahler assisted packing cargo parachutes to aide in the relief project.

In 2010 Jesse applied for the rigorous Assessment and Selection Program of the USAPT. Upon completion of the program he was then made a member of the Gold Demonstration Team. After a season with the demonstration team, Stahler was selected to become a member of the Golden Knights Competition Team.

In 2013, Jesse deployed to Afghanistan with 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He supported military operations in the Parwan province from Bagram airbase, where he assisted with the managing and aerial delivery of critical items needed to forward operating bases in the area. Jesse was awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal for his efforts.



Since learning to skydive in 2007 he has logged more than 5,000 free fall parachute jumps. Jesse is also an experienced wind tunnel instructor with over 4,000 hours of tunnel time. He helped the U.S. Army achieve consecutive World Meet Championships for 2014, 2016, and 2018 in the 8-way formation skydiving event. Stahler also has competed nationally and internationally in the Vertical Formation Skydiving (VFS) event and participates in Head-Down World Record attempts.

He is military static line and military free fall qualified.

In his free time Jesse enjoys traveling with his family.

