

# Biography



*Chief Warrant Officer Three Nicholas Vanicek*  
Pilot, Aviation Detachment  
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"

## Personal Statistics

Hometown: West Chester, OH  
School Attended: Ohio State University

## Biographical Sketch

CW3 Vanicek is a Fixed Wing Aviator assigned to Team 6, the Army Parachute Team's Aviation Detachment. Originally from West Chester, Ohio, CW3 Vanicek attended the Ohio State University where he graduated with degrees in Biology and Spanish. CW3 Vanicek joined the Army in 2011 through the Warrant Officer Flight Training (WOFT) program, going straight from Basic Training to flight school. Throughout his career, he has flown the TH-67 (Creek), OH-58D (Kiowa Warrior), C-12V (King Air) and RC-12X (Guardrail). Currently, Mr. Vanicek flies the team's UV-18C (Twin Otter) and DHC8.

CW3 Vanicek's previous assignments include: Kiowa Pilot in C Trp, 6-17 CAV, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska with duty in South Korea; Safety Officer at B Co, 6-52 AV at Ft. Knox, Kentucky; and Safety Officer and Maintenance Pilot at B Co, 3d MI (AE) at Camp Humphreys, South Korea. CW3 Vanicek has over 2500 flight hours, with more than 200 civilian hours, 300 rotary wing hours, and nearly 2000 multi-engine airplane hours.



His awards include the Army Aviator Badge, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Medal, and Overseas Service Ribbon (3).

In his free time, Cole enjoys training for marathons.

