

Biography

Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Coleman

Parachute Maintenance Technician, Rigging Loft
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"



Personal Statistics

Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida

School Attended: Terry Parker High School

Biographical Sketch

Sgt. 1st Class Derrick Coleman is a Parachute Maintenance Technician serving as a Senior Parachute Rigger and Demonstration Parachutist for the U.S. Army Parachute Team.

Coleman entered the Army in September 2001 and served with the 782nd Main Support Battalion and 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.



In September 2002, Coleman attended the Golden Knight Assessment and Selection Program. This is an arduous six-week tryout program in which a jumpers skills and teamwork abilities are tested and challenged. Upon completion of the assessment and selection program, Coleman was knighted and served on the Gold Demonstration Team for the next six years.

Coleman began skydiving in January 1995 and has logged more than 3,150 free-fall parachute jumps. As a member of the Golden Knights, he maintains parachute equipment and travels the country performing precision parachute demonstrations with his team.

In his free time he enjoys spending time with his wife Michelle and son.

