

Biography

Master Sgt. Michael Cooney

Senior Operations Sergeant / Operations Section

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



Personal Statistics

Hometown: Royersford, Pa.

School Attended: Post University, Waterbury, Conn.

Biographical Sketch

Master Sgt. Michael Cooney serves as the U.S. Army Parachute Team Senior Operations Sergeant. He enlisted into the U.S. Army in 2003 as an 11B, Infantryman. He completed Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training and Basic Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Ga.

He was previously assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy. Cooney was also attached to 1st Battalion 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. During his assignment with the 508th, he deployed to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and also to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom VI. Cooney was then attached to 1st Battalion 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment where he continued his service as a fires team leader and Infantry Squad Leader. Cooney deployed to Afghanistan with the 503rd for a 15-month deployment in support of OEF VIII.

After being Department of the Army selected to be an Army recruiter, Cooney was assigned to the Pottsville Recruiting Station, Harrisburg Battalion in Harrisburg, Pa. In 2012, he converted to be a career recruiter and was assigned as Assistant Station Commander to the Murfreesboro Recruiting Station, Tenn. He then was assigned to be the Station Commander for the Columbia Recruiting Station, Tenn. In June 2018, he was charged with being the First Sergeant for the Corpus Christi Recruiting Company, San Antonio Recruiting Battalion in San Antonio, Texas.



His military awards include; Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/ Valor device, Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Knot), Nation Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ 2 Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal w/ Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3 device), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (4), NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Italian Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Gold Recruiter Badge, Drivers Badge and Marksmanship Badge.

Cooney earned his Associates degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University in 2011. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Post University in 2021.

Master Sgt. Cooney is married to Jamie Cooney and they have four sons Michael, Jacob, Jordan and Matthew.

