

# Biography



*Master Sergeant Stephen Hodgson*  
First Sergeant, HHC / BN Operations NCOIC  
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"

## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Lebanon, Oregon  
School Attended: Springfield High School

## Biographical Sketch

First Sergeant Stephen Hodgson is an 11Z, Infantry Senior Sergeant, serving as the First Sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Command of the U.S. Army Parachute Team.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 2007 and attended the Infantry One Station Unit Training (OSUT) in Fort Benning, Ga. from March to July. His assignments include Schweinfurt and Grafenwoer Germany, where he served as Grenadier and Fire Team Leader; 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as a Squad Leader; 1st Squadron 38th Cavalry Regiment, where he served as a Long Range Surveillance Team Leader; Sacramento Battalion, 6th Recruiting Brigade, where he served as a detailed recruiter; 1st Bde., 82nd ABN where he served as a Rifle Platoon Sergeant and Reconnaissance Platoon Sergeant; Eglin AFB, Fl., where he served as a Ranger Instructor in the 6th Ranger Training Battalion; 2nd Bde., 82nd ABN, where he served as a Rifle Company First Sergeant, and again at 3rd Bde., 82nd ABN as a Rifle Company First Sergeant. Additionally, 1st Sgt. Hodgson has served one tour of duty in Iraq in 2008, and two tours of duty in Afghanistan in 2011 and 2017.



First Sergeant Hodgson's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medals (3), Army Commendation Medals (10), Army Achievement Medals (7 (1x with "C" device), the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Rated Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Recruiter Badge, Ranger Tab, Sapper Tab, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, German Parachutist Badge, German Schutzenschnur, Chilean Parachutist Badge, and the Mexican Parachutist Badge.

First Sergeant Hodgson is married to Lorrin Hodgson and has two children, both boys, ages 9 and 6. Their names are Talon and Holland. Together, they enjoy going to jiu-jitsu classes, doing home projects, playing sports, and enjoying the outdoors together.

