

# Biography

*Captain Spencer Wackelin*

Operations Officer

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



## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Greenville, North Carolina

School Attended: Virginia Military Institute

## Biographical Sketch

Cpt. Spencer Wackelin is an 11A, Infantry Officer, serving as the battalion operations officer and Headquarters Company commander for U.S. Army Parachute Team. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Economics from the Virginia Military Institute, he commissioned through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) as an Infantry Officer in 2012.

Wackelin's previous assignments include Rifle Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, and Company Executive Officer for 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment and 1st Battalion 16th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.; 1st Infantry Division at Ft. Riley, Kan. After Maneuver Captains Career Course, he served as a Recovery Team Leader for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in Oahu, Hawaii. He later reported to the 25th Infantry Division and served as an Infantry Company Commander and Headquarters & Headquarters Company Commander for 2nd Battalion 27th Infantry Regiment "The Wolfhounds" 25th Infantry Division.



Cpt. Wackelin has deployed and served overseas in Senegal, Djibouti, Afghanistan, Vietnam, and The Republic of Korea.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon. Cpt. Wackelin has also earned the Ranger Tab, Expert Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, French Desert Warfare Badge, and is a graduate of the Infantry Mortar Leaders Course.

CPT Wackelin is married to his wife of six years, Kaitlyn. They have a newborn daughter named Palmer.

