

Biography

Sergeant First Class Daniel Metzdorf
Recruiting Liaison Officer, Black Team
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"



Personal Statistics

Hometown: Altamonte Springs, FL
School Attended: Lyman High School

Biographical Sketch

Sergeant First Class Dan Metzdorf is an Airborne Infantryman serving as a Liaison Officer on the Black Team of the United States Army Parachute Team. This is his third year on the team.

Metzdorf enlisted into the Army in June of 1995 and was sent directly to the Infantry schools at Ft Benning, Georgia. Upon completion of training he moved on to the 2/1 Infantry in Ft Wainwright Alaska. In April 1999, SFC Metzdorf attended the US Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA. Upon completion, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. In 2001, Daniel also earned his British Paratrooper Wings in British Para School in England.

In 2008 Daniel completed the rigorous 8 Week Assessment and Selection Program and was Knighted as a Demonstration Parachutist with over 300 jumps.

Prior to making the Army Parachute Team Metzdorf has served in a number of international efforts such as; Iraq, Afghanistan, and Sinai, Egypt. While serving in Iraq during a routine night patrol, SSG Metzdorf and his patrol were ambushed by an Improvised Explosive Device. Due to the severe trauma from the blast, Daniel lost his right leg above the knee. Undaunted by this event, he turned down his 100% medical retirement and remained on active duty. Daniel has a specially designed prosthetic leg that allows him to be a complete asset to the US Army and the Golden Knights.



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