



US Army Parachute Team, “Golden Knights”

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Team celebrating the 60th year Anniversary 1959-2019



The Strategic Army Command Parachute Team (STRAC) Team formed in 1959 by nineteen, “Airborne” Soldiers from various military units.

The team was officially designated as the United States Army Parachute Team by the Department of Defense in 1961, and nicknamed the “Golden Knights” in 1962 as world champions winning gold medals.

There are three DOD sanctioned aerial demonstration teams; United States Army Parachute Team, the Airforce Thunderbirds and the Navy’s Blue Angels.

The Golden Knights showcase two Demonstrations Teams engaging with the American public to see the Army as the service of choice, two world-class Competition Teams (8-Way and Vertical Formation Skydiving), winning national and international competitions, the Tandem Team introducing Soldiers and Centers of Influence to the skills and professionalism of Soldiers around the world, a Headquarters and Aviation Section. There are 5 Officers, 6 Warrant Officers, and 89 enlisted Soldiers varying with over 10 unique military occupation specialties and 12 civilians that enhance recruiting while marketing and messaging the U.S. Army’s strategic narrative.

The Golden Knights have performed more than 21,000 shows in all 50 states and 48 countries, reaching more than one-third of the American population annually.

Millions of people throughout the world see the Golden Knights each year at over 70 precision-targeted demonstrations sites across the nation and abroad.

Demonstrations and tandem parachute jumps are conducted from an altitude of 12,500 feet and the free fall speed can be in excess of 120mph.

This season the Tandem team is beginning its 20th year supporting Community Partners and educators through the Tandem Orientation program.

The Golden Knights 8-Way Competition Team is the current World Champions and have won over 474 national and over 100 world championships.

Competitions provide the United States Army Parachute Team proficiency in the mission essential task of “Compete and Win” and solidify The “Golden Knights” reputation as the top world competitors.

Aviation known as “Team Six” has flown over 153,000 accident free hours and maintains a fleet of six aircraft; C147 A (Dash8), C-31A Fokker, and three DHC-6-400 Viking Twin Otters.

United States Army Parachute Team serves under the leadership of the United States Army Recruiting Command and Marketing Engagement Brigade as the “Official Ambassadors of the Army.”

