

Biography

Staff Sergeant Joseph Abeln

Canopy Piloting Team

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



Personal Statistics

Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri

School Attended: Roosevelt High School

Biographical Sketch

Staff Sergeant Joseph P. Abeln is a petroleum supply specialist who served three years as a demonstration parachutist on the Gold Demonstration Team, later he served as the Alternate Team Leader for the Tandem Team. Now he works on the Canopy Piloting team.

Abeln enlisted into the Army in August 2002 and upon completion of his initial entry training he was assigned to ATAS Company 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.



Once he completed his first assignment with the 82nd he was transferred to Headquarters, Headquarters Company 82nd Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC. He also deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

In the Fall of 2004, Abeln volunteered to attend the Golden Knights rigorous Assessment and Selection Program and upon being 'knighted' was chosen to be a demonstration parachutist.

Abeln first began jumping in May 2001 and has since completed more than 4,800 freefall parachute jumps and 11 military static line jumps.

When Abeln is not fulfilling his duties with the Knights he enjoys fishing, soccer and golf.

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