

# Biography



*Major Craig Blackwood*

Aviation Commander / Pilot, Aviation Detachment  
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"

## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Kent, Washington

School Attended: Central Washington University

## Biographical Sketch

Major Craig W. Blackwood is a fixed wing Army Aviator serving on the team as the Officer in Charge and pilot of the Golden Knights Aviation Detachment.

Major Blackwood enlisted in the Army in 1993 and entered the Infantry assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Upon his departure he entered the Central Washington

University ROTC program where he graduated and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 2000.



His assignments include Sinai Peninsula, Egypt; Fort Rucker, AL; Fort Campbell, KY; Fort Huachuca, AZ; Fort Hood, TX, and two tours in Iraq.

He has logged over 2100 hours as a fixed wing and rotary wing Army Aviator. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal (Numeral 4), Army Commendation Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Expert Infantryman's Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge and Air Assault Badge.

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