

# Biography

*Staff Sergeant Thomas Pryjda*

Demonstration Parachutist, Gold Team

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



## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Vero Beach, Florida

School Attended: Vero Beach High School

## Biographical Sketch

SSG Pryjda is serving on the Team as a Demonstration Parachutist.

Tom enlisted more than ten years ago and attended Basic training at Ft Jackson, SC. Immediately after, his Advanced Individual Training as a Parachute Maintenance Technician, 92R, was for thirteen weeks at Ft Lee, VA.

Throughout his career, duty stations have included Ft Benning, GA, Ft Carson, CO and Stuttgart, Germany, where he served as a Pack Inspector and Jumpmaster on a number of unit missions. Later he moved to 1-SWTG (A), Special Warfare Training Group, at Ft Bragg, NC. In 2010 Tom

applied for the rigorous Assessment and Selection Program of the USAPT and was selected to become a Golden Knight.



SSG Pryjda has served three tours of duty in Iraq and 1 tour in Afghanistan with 10th special forces Group (A). He has been awarded 2 JCOM, Joint Commendations, 4 Army Commendations, and 1 Army Achievement Medal. He has also earned the Master Parachutist Badge, the Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Badge, and the Parachutist Rigger Badge.

Since learning to skydive in 2006 he has logged more than 729 free fall parachute jumps and 28 military static line jumps.

In his free time he enjoys Mountain bike riding and snowboarding.

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