

Biography



Command Sergeant Major Rodney O'Dell

Team Command Sergeant Major

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

Personal Statistics

Hometown: Merritt Island, Florida

School Attended: Merritt Island High School

Biographical Sketch

Command Sergeant Major Rodney O'Dell was raised in Merritt Island, Florida. He is a 1992 graduate of Merritt Island High School. He entered the Army on 16 June 1992.

CSM O'Dell's previous assignments include; 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Savannah, GA; 1-508th IN (ABN), 173d ABCT, Vicenza, Italy; 1/507th PIR, Fort Benning, GA; 2-503rd IN (ABN), 173d ABCT, Vicenza, Italy; 1st Army, Atlanta, GA; 1/91 (Airborne CAV), 173d ABCT, Schweinfurt, Germany; 2-7 IN, 3rd ID, Fort Stewart, GA, and HHBn, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

CSM O'Dell's awards and decorations include; Bronze Star Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; Purple Heart; Meritorious Service Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Commendation Medal, 3 Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Achievement Medal, 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious Unit Citation; Army Superior Unit Award; Army Good Conduct Medal, 7 Knots; National Defense Service Medal, 1 Service Star; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 Campaign Stars; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon, 4 Awards; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon, 3 Awards; NATO Medal, 2 Awards; Ranger Tab; Combat Infantryman's Badge; Expert Infantryman's Badge; Master Parachutists Badge with bronze star, Pathfinder Badge, Thailand Parachutist Badge, Mexican Marine Parachutist Badge, and Tunisian Parachutist Badge.



CSM O'Dell's military schools and education consist of; Basic Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, First Sergeants Course, United States Army Sergeants Major Course, Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officers Course, Airborne School, Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, Total Army Instructor Training, and Pathfinder School. He holds an Associate's in Arts in General Studies from Saint Leo University and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management from the American Military University.

CSM O'Dell is married to Lynn O'Dell and they have four children - Kaitlyn, Jacob, Emily and Nathan.

