

# Biography



*Sergeant John Long*

Parachutist, Tandem Team / Vertical Formation Skydiver  
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"

## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Tallahassee, Florida

School Attended: Lincoln High school, Florida State University

## Biographical Sketch

SGT John Long enlisted more than 6 years ago and attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, SC; He went to his Advanced Individual Training as a Signal System Support Specialist, at Fort Gordon, GA.

Throughout his career, duty stations have included the Florida Army National Guard, 779th Engineering Battalion as the Communications Team Leader, later he went to the 1-153rd Cavalry Squadron C-Troop (Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Target Acquisition) as the Senior Communications NCO. He has been awarded multiple Army Achievement Medals.



In 2013 he transferred to the Active Army and was assigned the USAPT. As a Parachutist he is training for the rigorous Assessment and Selection Program to become a Demonstration Parachutist for the 2014 show season.

John became Static-line qualified on September 11th, 2009 and became a licensed skydiver 2010. He has since logged over 900 free fall parachute jumps. John is also a Vertical Wind Tunnel Instructor with 1,500+ hours of tunnel time.

In his free time John enjoys, bouldering, competition pistol shooting, Dynamic 4-way tunnel competitions, Crossfit, and other various action sports.

