

# Biography



*Sergeant 1st Class John D. Berentis*

Scheduler & Training NCO, Operations Section  
U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights"

## Personal Statistics

Hometown: Yuma, Arizona

School Attended: Central Arizona Community College

## Biographical Sketch

Sergeant 1st Class John D. Berentis is an Airborne Ranger serving on the Golden Knights as the Team's show scheduler.

Berentis enlisted into the Army in November 1990 and while serving at Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA. with the 1st Ranger Battalion, he deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Irish Gold and also to Haiti for Operation Uphold Democracy. His next assignments were at Yuma, AZ. and Fort Bragg, NC.



Berentis attended the Golden Knights Assessment and Selection Program in 2003 and was 'knighted' onto the team. Berentis spent his first year on the team learning the ins and outs of life on the team and mastering his freefall videography and still photography skills. In the next three years he served as ATL, four years as TL and now three years as the show scheduler.

Since 1989, when Berentis did his first freefall parachute jump, he has logged more than 5,000 freefall parachute jumps, 760 tandems and 62 military static line jumps.

In his free time Berentis enjoys riding street bikes, motocross and video editing.

