**Golden Knight**

**Contributor Interview Questionnaire for**:

The Book Project, “Evolution: *The Story of the U.S. Army Parachute Team through the Years”*

**Please note:** 1) All information you provide is strictly confidential and will not be used without your express written permission which will be provided under separate cover at the appropriate time prior to the book’s publication. 2) The information you provide may become the basis for telephone interviews that I might wish to conduct with you as necessary at times convenient to you. 3.) Your responses need not be lengthy here. They will prompt questions from me in possible phone interviews.

**Photos:** If you have photos that you’d like me to see or have for possible use, please email them to me at “usaptbook@gmail.com” Please make sure to provide a tag for each photo as to the who, the what, the when and the where.

***An Important Word About Deadlines:*** My rough deadlines are: **Present until mid-2022** - Research. **Mid-2022 until January 2023 -** Write and edit the initial manuscript. **January 2023 to mid-2023 -** Circulate the initial draft among contributors and collaborators for review and possible changes. **Mid-2023 –** Publish and distribute.

*Please help me stay on deadline by completing and returning this questionnaire no later than June 30, 2022.Thanks!*

*Instructions for use: Simply place your cursor at the end of each question and begin typing. The form will expand as you go. Please save a copy for yourself and return a copy of the completed form to me by e-mail to the address shown at the end of thie form. Thanks!*

**Your Info...**

Name:

Mailing address:

Telephone number:

Best time(s) to call:

Email:

Year(s) on the Team?

Rank:

ETS or retirement Date:

**Team Section(s) with which you served?** Check or X what applies.

( ) Black ( ) Gold ( ) Competition ( ) Style and Accuracy

( ) Sequential ( ) Tandem ( ) Aviation ( ) Flag/ Narrator

( ) Advance/Sponsor or Show Liaison ( ) Logistics ( ) Public

Information ( ) Video/Photo/Music ( ) Headquarters

Other function:

**During Your Time On The Team...**

Please note: One of the the book’s purposes is to provide the reader with a close overview of the Team’s evolution from its beginning to the present day. Please answer the following questions as they relate to your time on the Team.

*It is important to note that my goal is to present the Team, no matter the time period or command structure in the best possible positive light. Please remember that I am not writing a dry history of the Team’s evolution, rather a history brought to life through the eyes of its members over the years. Your details and your story will be very important to serve that cause.*

**The Questions...**

**Question:** “How did you come to be on the Team? In other words, what was your motivation for wanting to become a member of the Team?”

**Question:** One of the most significant events during the service of a Team member seems to be his or her approaches to and experiences during the initial Try Out and Selection process. Please reflect on that here:

**Question: “During your time on the Team, what significant events do you recall?** *(These events might include record attempts and competitions, dignitaries honored, changes of command, significant air show and sports event appearances and demonstrations, commemorations or anything thing else that you think important.)*

**Question**: “What did you enjoy most about your time on the Team?”

**Question:** “How did your time on the Team affect the the remainder of the time you served in the military and later in civilian life?”

**Question:** “What Team rituals do you recall?”

**Question:** “Tell me about Team training and practice and where you trained during your time on the Team.”

**Question:** During your time on the time, what exact types of equipment did you utilize*?*

*( I.E. Model numbers and types of mains, reserves, piggybacks, etc?* Altimeters? Stopwatches? AODs? Helmets? Goggles? Boots? Jumpsuits?)

**Question:** During your time on the Team, what significant equipment changes were made?

**Question:** What aircraft types was the Team utilizing during your tour(s)? Your favorites? Why? Aircraft dislikes? Anything you think of note.

**Question:** “When not doing demonstrations, competing or meeting the public, how did you spend your on duty time?’

**Question:** “What did you enjoy most about your interaction with the public during your Team service?”

**Please add any general comments or items of significance you think important to the project and the book:**

When finished, please e-mail this questionnaire to me at the address below. Thank you!

*And please do not hesitate to e-mail or call me if you have any questions at all. The best times to call are Monday though Friday, 0900-1200 hours and 1400-2000 hours. 804-313-0932 If busy, please leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible*.

I am indebted to you for your time and your response!

Sincerely,

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