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## **Staff Sergeant Chris Hardy** **U.S. Army Special Operations Parachute Demonstration Team** **The Black Daggers**

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SSG Christopher B. Hardy was born in Shreveport, LA. He graduated high school from Wolfe City in 1998 located in Wolfe City, Texas. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 4, 2004 attending Basic Training at Fort Leonardwood, MO. and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Sam Houston, TX where he earned the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 68W, Combat Medic. On July 6, 2012 he graduated from the Civil Affairs Qualification Course and was awarded the 38B MOS of Civil Affairs Specialist.

SSG Hardy's past assignments are: In 2005, he was assigned to 4<sup>th</sup> BN 2<sup>nd</sup> ID 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance, Surveillance, and Target Acquisition Platoon (RSTA) located at Fort Lewis, WA. From July 2011 to August 2012 he attended the Civil Affairs Qualification Course at Fort Bragg, NC. While assigned to Fox Company, 96<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) he served as the Civil Affairs NCO from August 2013 to August of 2014. He also served in Bravo Company 96<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs BN (Airborne) as the Civil Affairs NCO from August 2014 to February 2016 then was assigned as the Assistant Civil Military Operations Center NCO from February 2016 to February 2017.

SSG Hardy is currently assigned to the United States Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team the Black daggers, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a full-time member of the USASOC Parachute Demonstration Team and Training NCO.

SSG Hardy's past deployments include: Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom-07 (OIF-07) from April 2007 through July 2008. He also served two deployments with the 96<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne); Afghanistan as the Civil Affairs NCO at the School of Excellence from April 2014 through October 2014, and as a Civil Affairs NCO for the Civil Military Support Element (CMSE) in Jordan in support of Special Operations Central Command.

His military education includes the Civil Affairs Assessment and Selection Course, Civil Affairs Specialist Course, Special Operations Language Training – Korean, SERE, Emergency Medical Technician (Basic), the Basic Airborne Course, Advanced Leaders Course, and Warrior Leaders Course.

Some of SSG Hardy's awards and decorations include, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (V device, 2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (4<sup>th</sup> Award), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with star, Iraqi Campaign Medal with star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral two, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas

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Biographical Sketch

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Ribbon with numeral two, NATO Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Military Free Fall Badge, Parachutist Badge, Drivers Badge, and Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge.