



Staff Sergeant Stephen Travers

U.S. Army Special Operations Parachute Demonstration Team

The Black Daggers

SSG Stephen Travers was born in July of 1990. He graduated high school from Willow Canyon in 2008 located in Surprise, AZ. SSG Travers enlisted in the U.S. Army on November 2007 and in August 2008 attended basic training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Benning, GA where he earned the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 11B, Infantryman. Once basic training was completed he attend Basic Airborne course and the Ranger Indoctrination Program after which he was assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment.

SSG Travers previous assignments are: Charlie Company and Headquarters and Headquarters Company of 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, where he served for eight years. His duty assignments were Rifleman, Grenadier, SAW Gunner, Dog Handler, Team Leader and Squad Leader.

SSG Travers has eight combat deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom's Sentinel between 2009 and 2016.

SSG Travers military and civilian education includes: Ranger Course, Basic Airborne Course, Static Line Jumpmaster Course, SERE- C, Emergency Medical Technician Course, Special Operations Dog Handlers Course, Basic Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Military Freefall Course, USPA Tandem Instructor and USPA Freefall instructor.

Presently, Travers is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a full-time member of the USASOC Parachute Demonstration Team.

SSG Travers awards and decorations includes: Joint service Commendation medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (2), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3), Presidential Unit Citation, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal (3), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (4 Campaign Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge.