**Parachuting Class at**

**Detroit Arsenal of Democracy Museum**

**Learn what it took to be a World War II Paratrooper**

If you always wanted to know what it would be like to be a paratrooper in World War II, the Detroit Arsenal of Democracy Museum has a great opportunity for you on Saturday, November 7. The museum will be hosting a four-hour training session where participants will learn about the history of the airborne forces along with the some of the skills necessary to parachute jump.

“You’ll learn how to do a parachute landing/fall and safety procedures,” said John Lind, the museum’s director. “You’re going to have harness training and learn how to wear a chute.”

Lind, who attended the World War II Airborne Demonstration Team jump school in Frederick, Oklahoma, said the pre-ground school program at the museum would give those interested in attending the full jump school an edge even before they consider signing up for nine days of intense training. He said the jump school in Oklahoma is the real deal; for those serious about learning the art of parachuting in a disciplined, military-style setting.

“This isn’t reenacting. This isn’t a fantasy camp. This is learning how to be a real parachutist,” Lind said. A veteran of the, U.S. Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, where he first took military jump training, Lind said attending the full jump school class in Oklahoma was the experience of a lifetime.

The airborne class begins at 11 am on Saturday, November 7, and is taught by members of the World War II Demonstration Team. The cost of the program is $20 per person and space is limited. To register or for more information call (586) 604-5393. The museum is located at 22960 West Industrial Drive in St. Clair Shores.

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