

56TH TROOP COMMAND
RHODE ISLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
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MEMORANDUM FOR All International Participants

SUBJECT: The Annual Rhode Island Army National Guard International Parachute Competition (LEAPFEST) Memorandum of Instruction

REFERENCE: NGR 350-1 Training, dated 4 August 2009, FM 3-21.38 Pathfinder Operations, TC 3-21.220 dated 12 November 2014 Basic Parachuting Techniques and Training, FORSCOM Reg 350-2.

1. I would like to invite you to participate in the Annual Rhode Island Army National Guard International Parachute Competition (LEAPFEST) to be held in Rhode Island from **31 July – 8 August 2017**. In-processing will take place on the morning of **1 August 2017** and the MC-6 parachute training will take place in the afternoon, followed by a familiarization jump and U.S. wings exchange on **2 August 2017**. The competition will be on **Saturday, 5 August 2017**, with a rain date of **Sunday, 6 August 2017**. On **7 August 2017**, we will provide another airborne operation to conduct an international wings exchange in accordance with foreign teams' availability and criteria.
2. The purpose of the competition is to promote the camaraderie and Esprit de Corps of the Airborne Soldier through international competition. The competition is attended by representatives from the Active Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and several international teams.
3. A competition team consists of five (5) personnel; four (4) primary jumpers and one alternate. The alternate jumper can substitute any of the primary jumpers at any time, but only four will jump as a team. However, all the team members, to include the alternate, will participate in the training and familiarization jump/U.S. wings exchange and can participate on the international wings exchange on Monday following the competition. No one is allowed as observers on the aircraft and all jumpmaster duties will be performed by this headquarters, to include duties on the A/C. Jumpers will exit from a CH-47 helicopter from 1500 feet (AGL) using the MC-6 static line parachute system. Each stick consists of four jumpers and every team will make two jumps for the competition. Rules are provided at the mission briefing.
4. All international participants must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Must be on active military status.
 - b. Must be on Airborne Status (HDO).
 - c. Must be familiar with steerable parachutes.
5. All the teams are required to have a memo signed by a Lieutenant Colonel or higher in the

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chain of command validating that all participants meet all requirements. See enclosure 4.

6. All registration forms (enclosure 1) are due at this headquarters **NLT 30 June 2017**. This headquarters will review all registrations and assign team numbers. Once the teams are registered, they will receive an email confirmation. Only then, the team shall submit their entrance fee to Pay-pal or email payment by check. The registration fee is **\$800.00** per team.

a. Email registration forms to: leapfest@leapfest.com or mail hard copy to:

Commander, 56th Troop Command
Camp Fogarty
ATTN: MAJ William Tuttle
2841 South County Trail
East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818-1728

b. Pay-pal instructions. Logon to WWW.Leapfest.com to access pay-pal web link. Follow instructions and submit the payment.

c. Pay by check instructions: Make checks payable to "Leapfest Association" and mail it to the address above. **Registration fee is not refundable after the suspense date of 30 June 2017.**

7. Each unit is allowed to register no more than five teams. We will maintain a stand-by roster for the teams that don't get registered. If positions are still available after 30 June 2017, we will consider the teams that are on the stand-by roster. The maximum number of teams that can be supported is **70**.

8. IN-PROCESSING: Teams will report to Wiley Hall Dormitory Building, University of Rhode Island (URI), Kingston, Rhode Island on Monday, 31 July 2017, as they arrive from overseas. At that time, all teams will receive room assignments and a welcome packet with a training schedule. The following day, 1 August 2017, all teams will in-process in the morning at the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences Building, then receive a welcome briefing and initial parachute training. Team Leaders are responsible for sign-in, receiving billet assignments, team number, banquet tickets, and coordination of team departure transportation.

a. The following documents are required for In-processing:

- (1) Copy of hazardous duty orders
- (2) Emergency Data Cards, one per individual (Enclosure 2)
- (3) Copy of travel orders
- (4) Training Certification memo signed by Lieutenant Colonel (Enclosure 3)
- (5) ID Cards and Tags

9. TRANSPORTATION. We will assist with transportation from TF Green Airport in Warwick, RI or Logan Airport Boston, MA, or Kingston Train Station, Kingston, RI to URI. Transportation will be provided to and from billets and competition site, as well as the banquets on Thursday and Saturday. It is extremely important to keep the Leapfest Staff updated on the status of your flights if you require transportation to and from the airport.

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10. MEALS. All meals are provided at no cost beginning with dinner on 1 August and ending with breakfast on 9 August. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the dining facility on the URI Campus. MREs are made available each morning at the CQ desk in Wiley Hall for lunch with the exception of competition day. On competition day, lunch will be a "Bag Lunch" to allow for maximum flexibility and will be available on the pick-up zone. We will be hosting the "International Welcome" event on Thursday afternoon in Newport, RI. There will be a banquet and awards presentation on Saturday evening at the Hyatt Regency Newport, 1 Goat Island, Newport, RI. Both events require no additional cost. If anyone requires additional tickets for friends or family members, then they will be available for purchase during in-processing.

11. BILLETING. Before in-processing, all teams report to billeting for room assignments and room keys. Billeting is provided at no cost beginning the evening of 31 July 2017 on the University of Rhode Island campus (bring a padlock). Participants must check out by noon on 8 August. The rooms are a combination of two person room or five room suite with bathroom facilities. All competitors staying at URI will reside in **Wiley Hall**. WIFI is available throughout the URI Campus. Any deviation from the arrival/departure billeting schedule is at your own expense.

12. UNIFORM and EQUIPMENT: All international teams are required to wear their countries' duty uniform and have an approved jump helmet. During initial parachute training, all helmets will be inspected by a US jumpmaster to ensure it meets US regulations. We will have helmets available for those who may need it. Proper civilian attire is required to attend the welcoming event on Thursday evening and the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Business casual is acceptable for both events.

13. EVENT BRIEFING: The event briefing will be conducted in uniform on Friday, 4 August 2017, at 1900 hrs at the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences Building, University of Rhode Island. Attendance is required for all participants. Strip maps and driving directions to URI and information for billeting and in-processing will be available on the website.

14. MEDICAL SUPPORT:

a. MILITARY facility: For non-life threatening cases. Newport Naval Health Clinic, 43 Smith Avenue, Newport, RI 02840 (401) 841-3771.

b. CIVILIAN facility: For non-life threatening cases. South County Hospital, 100 Kenyon Ave, Wakefield RI 02879 (401) 788-1430 (Weekdays only).

c. For life-threatening situations and level one trauma cases. Rhode Island Hospital, 593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI (401) 444-4300.

d. Medical support on the Drop Zone (DZ) is provided by military 68W medics. MEDEVAC helicopters and ground ambulances are also on site.

e. All international participants are responsible for any medical bills incurred at any civilian medical facility.

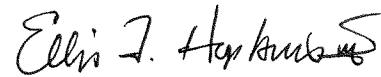
15. OUT-PROCESSING: Out-processing for all teams returning to their home station is Tuesday, 8 August 2017, from 0700 -1200 at the billeting area. Teams will turn-in billet keys, linen and sign-out. Teams will receive a packet with DA 1306, coins for all team members, and foreign wings certificates, if applicable.

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16. TRAVEL DAYS: We recommend all international teams arrive in Rhode Island on 31 July 2017 and depart Rhode Island on 8 August 2017. For the teams that choose not to participate in the international jump exchange scheduled for 7 August 2017, they can depart at that time.

17. INTERNATIONAL WINGS JUMP: For those teams or individuals that wish to participate, an International Wings Jump Exchange will occur on Monday, 7 August 2017, at the same pickup and drop zone used for the competition. All teams will automatically be included in the International Wings Jump, but are not required to participate. The intent must be conveyed to us on the registration form or during in-processing at the very latest. **We also ask that any country that is prepared and authorized to award their own wings to other countries to let us know through email or during in-processing.** Please let us know the maximum number of wings you will be able to present and how many jumpmasters/dispatchers will be present.

18. The POC for registration and operations is MAJ William Tuttle at COMM: (401) 275-4613, Email: william.h.tuttle.mil@mail.mil or SGM Eric Blue at COMM: (401) 275-4615, Email: eric.a.blue3.mil@mail.mil.



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- 1- Registration Form
- 2- Emergency Data Card
- 3- Training Certification memo