

56TH TROOP COMMAND
RHODE ISLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
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East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

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9 February 2018

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MEMORANDUM FOR All US Participants

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

REFERENCE: NGR 350-1 Training, dated 4 August 2009; FM 3-21.38 Pathfinder Operations, dated 25 April 2006; TC 3-21.220 Static Line Parachuting Techniques and Training, dated 28 April 2014; 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 **2-7 August 2018**. In-processing will be on Friday, **3 August 2018**. The competition will be on **Saturday, 4 August 2018**, with a rain date of **Sunday, 5 August 2018**. On **6 August 2018**, 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 routinely 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 team members, to include the alternate, can participate on the wings exchange jump on Monday following the completion. 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 US participants must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Must be on military status (Title 10 or Title 32).
 - b. Must be on Airborne Status (Hazardous Duty Orders) or Permissive Jump Status.
 - c. Must be trained and qualified on MC-6 parachute system.
 - d. Must have a minimum of 10 jumps. Of those 10 jumps, at least one must be with the MC-6 parachute and be annotated on the Training Certification memo (enclosure 3).
 - e. All jumpers must be on current status (HDO or Permissive) and have jumped with

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MC-6 parachute system within the last 365 days of the competition.

5. Training Certification Memo: All the teams are required to have a memo signed by their first O-5 in the chain of command validating that all participants meet all the requirements.

6. All registration forms (enclosure 1) are due at this headquarters **NLT 30 Jun 2018**. 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 mail payment by check. The registration fee is **\$650.00** 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-pay web link. Follow instruction 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 Jun 2018.**

7. Each unit is allowed to register no more than three teams. We will maintain a stand-by roster for the teams that cannot be registered, if slots are still available after 30 June 2018, 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 Thursday, 2 August 2018, as they arrive. At that time, teams will receive billeting assignments and a welcome packet with a training schedule. The following day, 3 August 2018 between the hours of 1200 and 1800, all teams will in-process in the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences Building. 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, or Permissive orders, one per individual
- (2) Emergency Data Cards, one per individual (Enclosure 2)
- (3) Copy of travel orders (DD1610)
- (4) Training Certification memo signed by the first O-5 (Enclosure 3)
- (5) ID Cards and Tags

9. **TRANSPORTATION.** Transportation will be provided to and from billeting and the competition site, as well as the banquet on Saturday, at no cost. There is no transportation availability to and from arrival and departure locations.

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10. MEALS. All meals are provided at no additional cost. Most meals will be served at the dining facility on the URI campus. During the airborne operations, lunch will be a "Bag Lunch" to allow for maximum flexibility. There will be a banquet and awards presentation on Saturday evening at the Gurney's Newport Resort & Marina, 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 2 August on the University of Rhode Island campus (bring a padlock). Participants must check out by noon on 7 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 US teams are required to wear military field uniform (Example: US Army is ACU/OCP). All team members also must have an approved jump helmet. Proper civilian attire is required to attend the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Business casual is acceptable for both events.

13. EVENT BRIEFING: The event will be conducted in uniform on Friday, 3 August 2018, 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.

d. LINE OF DUTY (LOD): This headquarters will prepare necessary packets for Reserve Component personnel. Active Component team leaders should make their own arrangements.

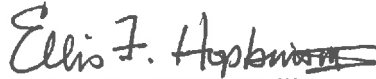
15. OUT-PROCESSING: Out-processing for teams returning to their home station is Tuesday, 7 August 2018 from 0700-1200 at the billeting area. Teams will turn-in billet keys, linen and sign-out. Teams will receive a packet with DA1306, coins for all team members, and foreign wings certificates, if applicable.

16. TRAVEL DAYS: We recommend all US teams arrive in Rhode Island on 2 August 2018 and depart Rhode Island on 7 August 2018. For the teams that choose not to participate in the international jump exchange scheduled for 6 August 2018, they can depart at that time.

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17. INTERNATIONAL WINGS JUMP: For those teams or individuals that wish to participate, an International Wings Jump will occur on Monday, 6 August 2018 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. Team intent must be conveyed to us on the registration form or during in-processing at the very latest.

18. The POC for registration and operations is LTC William Tuttle at COMM: (401) 275-4613, DSN: 247-4613, E Mail: william.h.tuttle.mil@mail.mil or SGM Eric Blue at COMM: (401) 275-4615, DSN: 247-4615, FAX: (401) 275-4672, E Mail: eric.a.blue3.mil@mail.mil.


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