56TH TROOP COMMAND

RHODE ISLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Camp Fogarty Armory, 2841 South County Trail

East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

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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 18 September 2018; FORSCOM Reg 350-2.

1. You are invited to participate in the annual Rhode Island Army National Guard

International Parachute Competition (LEAPFEST) to be held in Rhode Island from

**4-10 August 2022**. In-processing will be on **5 August 2022**. The competition will be on **Saturday, 6 August 2022**, with a rain date of **Sunday, 7 August 2022**. We will provide another Airborne Operation to conduct an international wings exchange in accordance with foreign teams’ availability and criteria on **8 August 2022**, with a rain date of **9 August 2022**.

2. The purpose of the competition is to enhance the readiness of the Airborne community, improve interoperability, and strengthen Alliances & Partnerships by promoting 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 multiple international teams.

3. A competition team consists of four (4) jumpers. All team members 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 three jumps for the competition. Rules are provided at the mission briefing.

4. All US participants must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be on military status (Title 10 or Title 32).

1. Must be trained and qualified on MC-6 parachute system.
2. Must have a minimum of 10 jumps.

d. All jumpers must be on current status (HDO) and have jumped with

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

e. Participants will be highly encouraged to be fully vaccinated upon arrival. We will

 follow the CDC guidance on COVID-19 polices which means rules are subject to

 change depending on the severity of COVID-19 in the United States. All participants

 are required to review all CDC guidance to make sure that you are compliant with

 the rules. Failure to comply with COVID-19 protocols will result in a disqualification

 from the competition. Also, please understand that all participants will/can be tested

 for COVID-19 upon arrival or throughout the duration of the competition. The current

 CDC Guidelines will be posted in Enclosure 4.

f. If one of your team members tests positive for COVID-19 while in the United States,

 your command will be required to pay for billeting and meals for the duration of their

 quarantine.

5. Training Certification Memo: All the teams are required to have a memo (Enclosure 3) 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), memorandums (Enclosure 3), and hazardous duty orders are due at this headquarters **NLT 30 Jun 2022**. 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 NLT 30 June 2022. The US team registration fee is **$1000.00** per team.

a. Email registration forms to: ng.ri.riarng.list.leapfest@army.mil

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b. Pay-pal instructions. Logon to [www.leapfest.com](http://www.leapfest.com) to access pay-pal 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 2022.***

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 2022, we will consider the teams that are on the stand-by roster. The maximum number of teams that can be supported is **40**.

8. IN-PROCESSING: All US team members will report Wiley Hall Dormitory Building, University of Rhode Island (URI), 180 Flagg Road, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881 for in-processing on Friday, 5 August 2022. At that time, team members will receive a welcome packet with a training schedule. Team Leaders are responsible for sign-in, receiving team number, banquet tickets and coordination of team departure transportation. In processing will end at 1200 on Friday, 5 August 2022, Please plan accordingly. In case of delays, please contact Leapfest Action Officer at 401-808-9389 or 401-275-4614.

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

 (1) Copy of hazardous duty orders, one per individual

 (2) Emergency Data Cards, one per individual (Enclosure 2)

(3) Training Certification memo signed by the first O-5 (Enclosure 3)

 (4) ID Cards and Tags

1. TRANSPORTATION. Transportation will be provided, at no cost, to and from:
	1. Arrival and departure locations
	2. Billeting and the rules brief
	3. Billeting and the competition site
	4. Both banquets on Thursday and Saturday

10. MEALS. All meals are provided at no additional cost for competitors who elect to stay at URI. 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. There will be an Awards Banquet at 1800 hrs on Saturday, 6 August 2022, at Gurney’s Newport Resort and Marina, 1 Goat Island, Newport, Rhode Island 02840. These events require no additional payment. A cash bar will be available at both events. Additional tickets will be available for purchase during in-processing upon request.

1. BILLETING. Before in-processing, all teams staying at URI will report to billeting for room assignments and room keys. Billeting is provided at no cost beginning the evening of 4 August 2022 on the University of Rhode Island campus (bring a padlock). Participants must check out by 1100 on 10 August 2022. The rooms are a combination of two person rooms or five room suites with bathroom facilities. WIFI is available throughout the URI Campus. Any deviation from the arrival/departure billeting schedule is at your own expense.
2. 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 a helmet that is approved for Airborne Operations. Proper civilian attire is required to attend the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Business casual is acceptable for both events.
3. RULES BRIEFING: The rules brief will be conducted in uniform on Friday, 5 August 2022, at 1500 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 for individuals who have their own transportation.
4. MEDICAL SUPPORT:
5. MILITARY facility: For non-life threatening cases. Newport Naval Health Clinic, 43 Smith Avenue, Newport, RI 02840 (401) 841-3771.
6. CIVILIAN facility: For non-life threatening cases. South County Hospital, 100 Kenyon Ave, Wakefield RI 02879 (401) 788-1430 (Weekdays only).
7. For life-threatening situations and level one trauma cases: Rhode Island Hospital, 593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI (401) 444-4300 (press 0).

d. Medical support on the Drop Zone (DZ) is provided by military 68W and 18D medics. MEDEVAC helicopters and ground ambulances are also on site.

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

1. OUT-PROCESSING: Out-processing for all teams returning to their home station is Monday, 10 August 0700-1100. Teams will receive a packet with DA1306 and foreign wings certificates, if applicable.
2. TRAVEL DAYS: We recommend all US teams arrive in Rhode Island on 4 August 2022 and depart Rhode Island on 10August 2022.
3. INTERNATIONAL WINGS JUMP: For those teams or individuals that wish to participate, an International Wings Jump will occur on Monday, 8 August 2022 at the same pickup and drop zone used for the competition. The Weather day will be 9 August 2022. 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.
4. The POC for registration and operations is Leapfest Action Officer at (401)275-4614 or ng.ri.riarng.list.leapfest@army.mil

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1- Registration Form

2- Emergency Data Card

3- Training Certification Memo

4- CDC COVID-19 Policy

5- Recommend Hotels