

56TH TROOP COMMAND
RHODE ISLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
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1 March 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR All International 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. 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 **29 July–6 August 2019**. In-processing will take place on the morning of **30 July 2019** and the MC-6 parachute training will take place in the afternoon, followed by a familiarization jump and U.S. wings exchange on **31 July 2019**. The competition will be on **Saturday, 3 August 2019**, with a rain date of **Sunday, 4 August 2019**. On **5 August 2019**, 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 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 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 authorized by home country's military to conduct parachute operations.
 - c. Must have a minimum of 10 static-line parachute jumps.

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5. All the teams are required to have a memo signed by a Lieutenant Colonel (O5/equivalent) or higher in their chain of command validating that all participants meet all requirements. See Enclosure 3.

6. All registration forms (Enclosure 1), memorandums (Enclosure 3), and Certificates are due at this headquarters **NLT 30 June 2019**. 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 2019. 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 John Fay
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 2019.**

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 2019, we will consider the teams that are on the stand-by roster. The maximum number of teams that can be supported is **50**.

8. IN-PROCESSING: All team members will report to Wiley Hall Dormitory Building, University of Rhode Island (URI), 180 Flagg Road, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881 on Monday, 29 July 2019, as they arrive from overseas. At that time, team members will receive room assignments and a welcome packet with a training schedule. The following day, 30 July 2019, all team members will in-process together at the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences Building from 0900-1200, 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) Training Certification memo signed by a Lieutenant Colonel (O5/equivalent) or above (Enclosure 3)
(4) ID Cards and Tags

- b. The following items are required by Jumpmasters at In-processing :

(1) Wings
(2) Certificates, if not submitted

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9. TRANSPORTATION. We will assist with transportation from TF Green Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island or Logan Airport Boston, Massachusetts, or Kingston Train Station, Kingston, Rhode Island to University of Rhode Island. 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.

10. MEALS. All meals are provided at no cost for competitors beginning with dinner on 29 July and ending with breakfast on 6 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 at @ The Deck in Newport, Rhode Island. There will be a banquet and awards presentation on Saturday evening at Newport Officers Club, 95 Perry Road, Newport, Rhode Island 02841. Both events require no additional payment. Additional tickets will be available for purchase during in-processing upon request.

11. BILLETING. Before in-processing, all teams will report to billeting for room assignments and room keys. Billeting is provided at no cost beginning the evening of 29 July 2019 on the University of Rhode Island campus (bring a padlock). Participants must check out by noon on 6 August 2019. 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**. Billeting is for competitors **ONLY**. 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 country's field 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. RULES BRIEFING: The event briefing will be conducted in uniform on Friday, 2 August 2019, 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.

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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 Monday, 5 August 1800-2000, and Tuesday, 6 August 0700-1000 at Wiley Hall. Teams will receive a packet with DA 1306 and foreign wings certificates, if applicable. Teams will turn-in billet keys, linen and sign-out.

16. TRAVEL DAYS: We recommend all international teams arrive in Rhode Island on 29 July 2019 and depart Rhode Island no later than 6 August 2019. For the teams that choose not to participate in the international jump exchange scheduled for 5 August 2019, 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, 5 August 2019, 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 SSG Edward Comerford at COMM: (401) 275-4624, Email: edward.r.comerford.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