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RHODE ISLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
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6 March 2019

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. 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 **1-6 August 2019**. In-processing will be on Friday, **2 August 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 jumper. 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 (HDO)) 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).

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e. All jumpers must be on current status (HDO or Permissive) and have jumped with 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 (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 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 **\$650.00** per team.

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

Commander, 56th Troop Command
Camp Fogarty
ATTN: SSG Edward Comerford
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 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 2019.**

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 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 Thursday, 1 August 2019, as they arrive. At that time, team members will receive billeting assignments and a welcome packet with a training schedule. The following day, 2 August 2019, between the hours of 1300 and 1800, all team members 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) Training Certification memo signed by the first O-5 (Enclosure 3)
- (4) ID Cards and Tags

9. TRANSPORTATION. Transportation will be provided to and from billeting and the

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competition site, as well as the banquet on Saturday, at no cost. There is no transportation availability to and from arrival and departure locations.

10. MEALS. All meals are provided at no additional cost for competitors. 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, 3 August 2019, at the Newport Officer's Club, 95 Perry Road, Newport, Rhode Island 02841. This event requires 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 1 August 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 rooms or five room suites with bathroom facilities. All US competitors staying at URI will reside in **Garrahy 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 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. RULES BRIEFING: The event 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. Team members do not need to bring their helmets to this event. 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. LINE OF DUTY (LOD): This headquarters will prepare necessary packets for National Guard personnel. Active Component team leaders should make their own arrangements.

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

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receive a packet with DA1306 and foreign wings certificates, if applicable. Teams will turn-in billet keys, linen and sign-out.

16. TRAVEL DAYS: We recommend all US teams arrive in Rhode Island on 1 August 2019 and depart Rhode Island on 6 August 2019. Teams that choose not to participate in the international jump exchange scheduled for 5 August 2019 can depart at that time.

17. INTERNATIONAL WINGS JUMP: For those teams or individuals that wish to participate, an International Wings Jump 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. 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 SSG Edward Comerford at COMM: (401) 275-4624, DSN: 247-4624, E Mail: edward.r.comerford.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