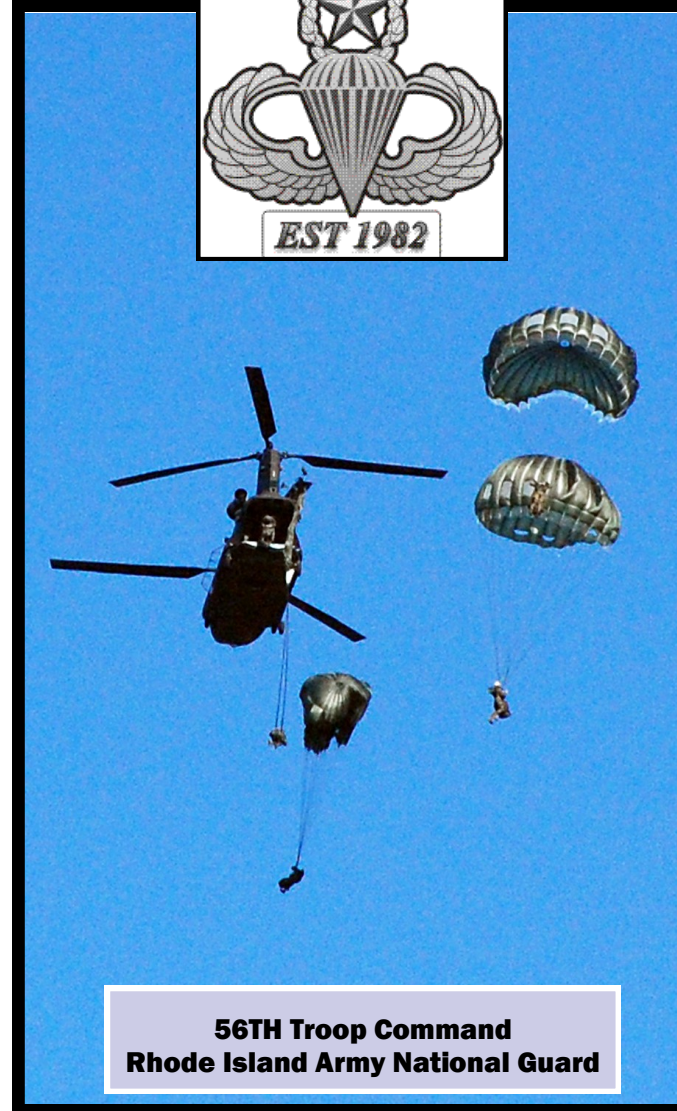


Exercise Background

Leapfest is an exercise which develops the command and control of Army Aviation to deliver a maneuver force on the tactical objective with precision and in a timely manner to conduct combat operations.



There is a competitive aspect to the exercise as well, which builds camaraderie and esprit de corps among the US and International Community. Teams from the US Army, US Navy, USMC, USAF, and International Teams from Europe, South America, and Asia make their way across the globe to join us for this annual event.



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LEAPFEST XXX



**International Static Line
Parachute Exercise**

August 4, 2012

Kingston, Rhode Island USA

The Largest, Longest Running International Static Line Parachute Exercise

The Leapfest competition team is comprised of five (5) personnel: four (4) jumpers and one (1) alternate. Jumpers will exit from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter from 1500 feet (AGL) using the MC1-1D static line steerable parabolic parachute. Each stick consists of four jumpers. The complete rules are provided at the mission briefing.



Aerial view of Pick Up Zone, Kingston RI

Friendship Jumps

This is an opportunity for U.S. Teams and International Teams to participate and earn foreign jump wings. Paratroopers will execute a familiarization jump prior to the competition. In addition to these jumps, a final jump is executed in which foreign jumpmasters have the opportunity to execute duties allowing paratroopers the ability to earn foreign airborne wings.

From All Over the World

There is a tremendous amount of tradition and Esprit de Corps which surround Leapfest. From its beginning, the event is first and foremost grounded on fostering respect and camaraderie among the various competitors from around the world. What underscores this event as truly



Teams attempting to hit the target "X"

remarkable is that it is the largest and longest continually run international parachute exercise. Furthermore, it takes place in the smallest of the United States—Rhode Island.

Awards Ceremony

International competitors are awarded the U.S. Army Parachute Badge upon completing the appropriate training and parachute descents. Each competitor must have jumped using a U.S. Army parachute from a U.S. Army aircraft and having been released by a U.S. Army Jumpmaster.



US Army Basic Parachutist Badge



COL Medeiros, BDE CDR at pre-jump brief

International Activities



The Towers at Narragansett, RI

International teams enjoy the surrounding sights and sounds during their stay in Rhode Island. The Welcome Reception is held at the historic Towers in scenic Narragansett Beach. The Leapfest Awards Banquet is held at a local venue on the same evening as the



Waterfire in Providence, RI

competition. There are many opportunities to see Providence, Newport and other locales while here. A tour of New York City and Ground Zero has also been a highlight of the visitor's itinerary.



New York City, NY

Join us for Leapfest 30!

Key Dates 2012

- 31 July: International Welcome**
- 1 August: Friendship Jump 1**
*US Jump Wings awarded
- 4 August: Competition Awards Banquet**
- 7 August: Friendship Jump 2**
International Jumpmasters
*Foreign Wings Awarded
**Additional US-led training: rappelling /military mountaineering, convoy simulation trainer, rifle familiarization and weapons simulator training