



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

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8 March 2024

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 23 June 2021 [NGR 350-60]; 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; CAASOP.

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 **29 July - 07 August 2024**. In-processing will be on Monday, **29 July 2024**. There will be a familiarization jump on **31 July 2024**, with a rain date of **1 August 2024**. The competition will be on **Saturday, 3 August 2024**, with a rain date of **Sunday, 4 August 2024**. We will provide another airborne operation to conduct an international wings exchange in accordance with foreign teams' availability and criteria on **5 August 2024**, with a rain date of **6 August 2024**.
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 in the wings exchange jump 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 three jumps for the competition. Rules are provided at the mission briefing.
4. All International participants must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Must be on military status (Title 10 or Title 32).
 - b. Must complete MC-6 parachute familiarization training after arrival in Rhode Island.
 - c. Must have a minimum of 10 jumps.
 - d. All jumpers must be on current status (Hazardous Duty Orders) and have jumped within the last 365 days of the competition.
 - e. You must contact your nation's embassy in the United States and ask them to submit a Foreign Visit Request on behalf of each member of your team.

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5. Training Certification Memo: All the teams are required to have a memo (Enclosure 3) signed by their first O-5 (or equivalent) 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 2024**. 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 the online payment system or mail payment by check NLT 30 June 2024. The international team registration fee is **\$1750.00** per team.

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

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ATTN: Leapfest Action Officer
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b. Online payment instructions. Logon to www.leapfest.com to access the payment 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 June 2024.**

7. Each unit is allowed to register no more than three (3) teams. We will maintain a stand-by roster for the teams that cannot be registered; if slots are still available after 30 June 2024, 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 International team members will report to Wiley Hall Dormitory Building, University of Rhode Island (URI), 180 Flagg Road, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881, for in-processing at 1300 on Monday, 29 July 2024. In-processing closes at 1200 on Tuesday, 30 July 2024. Team members will receive billeting assignments and a welcome packet with a training schedule when they in-process. 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, 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, at no cost, to and from:

- a. Arrival and departure locations
- b. Billeting and the rules brief

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- c. Billeting and the competition site
- d. Both social events on Thursday and Saturday

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 international welcome dinner at 1700 hours on Thursday, 1 August 2024 at The Guild, 461 Main St, Pawtucket RI 02860. There will be an Airborne Social at 1800 hours on Saturday, 3 August 2024, at the Water Fire Arts Center, 475 Valley St, Providence RI, 02908. These events are covered by your team's registration fee. A cash bar will be available at both events. Additional tickets will be available for purchase during in-processing upon request.

11. BILLETING. Before in-processing, all International teams will report to billeting for room assignments and room keys. Billeting is provided at no cost beginning the evening of 29 July 2024 on the University of Rhode Island campus (bring a padlock). Participants must check out by 1100 hours on 7 August 2024. 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.

12. UNIFORM and EQUIPMENT: All international teams are required to wear military field uniform (Example: US Army is OCP). All team members also must have a helmet that is approved by your Country for Airborne Operations. Proper civilian attire is required to attend the international welcome dinner and Airborne Social on Saturday evening. Business casual is acceptable for both events.

13. RULES BRIEFING: The rules brief will be conducted in uniform on Friday, 2 August 2024, at 1500 hours at the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences Building, University of Rhode Island, 120 Flagg Rd, Kingston, Rhode Island, 02881. Attendance is required for all participants. Strip maps and driving directions will be available for individuals who have their own transportation.

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.

14. OUT-PROCESSING: Out-processing for all teams returning to their home station is Wednesday, 7 August 0700-1100. Teams will receive a packet with DA1306 and foreign wings certificates, if applicable. Teams will turn-in billet keys, linen and sign-out.

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15. TRAVEL DAYS: We recommend all international teams arrive in Rhode Island on 29 July 2024 and depart Rhode Island on 7 August 2024.

16. INTERNATIONAL WINGS JUMP: For those teams or individuals that wish to participate, an International Wings Jump will occur on Monday, 5 August 2024 at the same pickup and drop zone used for the competition. The weather day will be 6 August 2024. 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. ***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.***

17. 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