



56TH TROOP COMMAND
RHODE ISLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
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8 March 2024

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 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 **1-7 August 2024**. In-processing will begin on **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 US participants must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Must be on military status (Title 10 or Title 32).
 - b. Must be trained and qualified on MC-6 parachute system.
 - c. Must have a minimum of 10 jumps.
 - d. All jumpers must be on current status (HDO/HDIP) 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.

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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 US team registration fee is **\$1250.00** per team.

a. Email registration forms to: ng.ri.riarng.mbx.56th-trp-cmd-leapfest-action-team@army.mil

Commander, 56th Troop Command
Camp Fogarty, BLDG 230
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b. Online payment instructions. Logon to www.leapfest.com to access the payment 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 Jun 2024.**

7. Each US unit is allowed to register no more than two (2) 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**. Teams will **NOT** be entered into the competition if any member of the team is on **Permissive Parachute Status**.

8. IN-PROCESSING: All US team members will report to the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences (CBLS), University of Rhode Island (URI), 120 Flagg Road, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881, for in-processing at 1200-1500 on Thursday, 1 August 2024. If your flight schedule does not allow for In-processing on 1 August 2024 in-processing will be at the CBLS from 0900-1200 on Friday, 2 August 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, Airborne Social 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 from URI billeting to:

- a. Rules brief
- b. Competition site
- c. The Airborne Social on Saturday

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10. MEALS. Meals will not be provided for US teams not staying at URI throughout the entire competition. Lunch (MRE) will be provided on all Airborne operation days.

11. BILLETING. US Participants are required to source their own billeting through their unit funds. A DD 1351-5 (Statement of Non-Availability) will be provided upon request. If you are unable to secure billets for your team, please contact the Leapfest Action Officer at (401)-275-4614 or ng.ri.riarnng.mbx.56th-trp-cmd-leapfest-action-team@army.mil

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 a helmet that is approved for Airborne Operations. Proper civilian attire is required to attend the Airborne Social on Saturday evening. Business casual is acceptable.

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 to Quonset State Airport 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 (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.

15. OUT-PROCESSING: Out-processing for all teams returning to their home station is Wednesday, 7 August 0800-1100. Teams will receive a packet with DA1306 and foreign wings certificates, if applicable.

16. TRAVEL DAYS: We recommend all US teams arrive in Rhode Island on 1 August 2024 and depart Rhode Island on 7 August 2024.

17. 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.

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18. The POC for registration and operations is Leapfest Action Officer at (401) 275-4614 or ng.ri.riarng.mbx.56th-trp-cmd-leapfest-action-team@army.mil

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- 1- Registration Form
- 2- Emergency Data Card
- 3- Training Certification Memo