Liberty Jump Team, Inc.

Jump School

Student Information

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About Liberty Jump Team

"Stand In The Door"

The Liberty Jump Team is a military exhibition parachute team dedicated to the memory and honor of the men and women of all military conflicts and actions. Our organization performs static line parachute jumps in military uniforms and equipment from vintage C-47 troop transports and many other type of aircraft.

Many of our members are military veterans and former paratroopers. Others in our ranks are still active military jumpers. Yet other jumpers have no military experience at all. But all of our Team members are participating out of a sense of dedication and admiration for the WWII, Korean, Viet Nam, and modern war veterans and what they stand for - professionalism, selflessness, and a sense of patriotic duty; both to their country and to each other. It is our privilege and goal to educate the public and encourage everyone's interest in the significant role of the airborne soldier throughout our military history.

On the ground, Liberty Jump Team members also engage in public displays, living histories, and speaking events. These displays and speaking engagements are conducted at schools, churches, historical organizations, and many other types of venues including veteran organizations and reunions. Through these efforts, we hope to keep the memory of the Veterans of WWII and our modern warriors of today alive in the minds and hearts of the public, both here in the United States and throughout Europe.

Membership Requirements - Jumpers

The following are the requirements to be a jumper with the Liberty Jump Team:

1. Be at least 18 years of age; and
2. be between 4'11" and 6'6" tall; and
3. have height and weight proportional, but not be in excess of 240 pounds in weight; and
4. have correctable vision to 20/20 with glasses or contacts; and
5. have hearing that allows you to hear jump commands in a loud aircraft; and
6. be free of any orthopedic, neurological, joint or muscular issues which may impair your ability to carry 50 lbs or impair your ability to complete the necessary training.

It is required for all students and new members to get a physical before attending training or jump activities with the team and present a medical certificate.

It can not be emphasized enough the need for jump school students to be in good shape when they come to school.

There is no rank structure on the team - team members may only wear rank and badges that were earned in the US or Foreign Military service.

School Introduction

"Exit The Aircraft In A Tight Body Position And Count To Four Thousand"

There are few things you will do in life that match the energy, the focus, and the excitement of jumping out of an airplane!
But before you get there, there are a few things that need to happen …
Whether you are a new jumper, or a jump refresher, you will be going through training to prepare you to do just that – leave a airplane in flight!!
As you review this information, keep a few things in mind …

One Thousand

You are joining and participating with a commemorative jump team. The mission of LJT is to honor all veterans by participating in commemorative jump operations. This is not a reenacting unit. The training you will be going through is not intended to simulate WWII or any other era experiences. This is not "jump camp" nor is it an immersion program. If reenacting and immersion experiences are what you are interested in, this is not a place for you! The school is professionally run and puts the focus where the focus needs to be – on teaching students to safely pack their parachute, properly exit an aircraft, and land safely – in the proud Airborne tradition!

Two Thousand

The Team's main focus and the focus of the school are on SAFETY! Everything you do will be geared towards preparing you for packing and jumping – safely. All of your instructors teaching you are experienced and will be focused on making sure you are 100% ready to go by jump day. Many of the instruction techniques are the same as the military. The reason for this is they work! We are jumping military gear, it makes sense we train with military type procedures.

Three Thousand

Not only will you be learning to jump, you will be learning to pack. All Team members pack their own main parachutes. There is a large part of the school dedicated to teaching parachute packing. Even for prior service jumpers, this may be new to you. You will learn the nomenclature, the names for the parts of the parachute. You will learn how a parachute works and how it functions.

Four Thousand

Your success in the program is 100% up to you. The instructors and other Team members will support you all the way – but it takes hard work and preparation on your part. It is not easy. You will need to be in great shape both physically and mentally. But success is in your hands!

Preparation - Before School Starts

"Check Canopy"

The preparation for new jumpers and jump refreshers is about the same - they will receive the same training except the new students will have a couple extra days of it.

•NOTE: It is recommended and may even be required that jump refresher students who have not jumped in a long time (10+ years) or who have never jumped MC1 series chutes attend the entire session. (The added costs for this covered in the cost section.)
This will be discussed with the instructors ahead of time!

PT Test

There will be a PT test for new students and jump refresher students on the first day of school. The purpose of the PT test is to access that students physical condition and make sure they are in fact in good enough shape to physically handle the course. This PT test is not intended to be a barrier; it is intended to insure that the students are coming to school prepared to successfully complete the course.
The minimum standards to pass the PT Test are as follows:

MALES – 10 Pushups in 2 minutes
10 Sit Ups in 2 minutes
.5 mile run in under 7 minutes

FEMALES - 5 Pushups in 2 minutes
10 Sit Ups in 2 Minutes
.5 mile run in under 10 minutes

Students will be required to pass this PT test before they start training. It is the expectation that all students get themselves in proper physical condition to easily pass these minimum standards before showing up for school. Students not passing the PT test will not be allowed to progress forward in the training.

Student Handbook

At the school you will be receiving your student handbook. This will include the packing guide and parachute nomenclature. The more you review the information, the easier it will be for you you to complete the school.

Training Location

It is every students responsibility to get to the training site on time. The training location is:
North Texas Regional Airport
Denison,TX

Preparation - Before School Starts

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Clothes and Equipment

Here are a few guidelines when you are packing to come out for jump training.

• You do not need to have a WWII uniform for training. Although many students want to have it for the graduation jump and ceremony, it is highly recommended that you don't go through training in a new and expensive WWII uniform.

• For training, you will be spending a lot of time in the PLF pit, in the suspended harness, and doing drag training. It is recommended you wear uniforms like BDU, ACU, or overalls – something loose fitting ,comfortable, and will take the abuse.

• It is required that the students train in the helmet and boots they will be jumping with. Boots should be well broken in before they get to the school. Safety helmets fully padded are recommended.

• There is no need to buy any parachute equipment before you attend school. The Team will provide you all the necessary parachute gear for the school.

• Weather this time of year can be anywhere from real hot to real cold. Plan for hot and cold – the weather changes all the time.

Paperwork

The following paperwork (copies or scans) is needed from students before attending the school:

• **Doctors Release** – you will need a medical statement from your physician clearing you for the training and jump activities.

• **Certificate from Jump School** – for prior jumpers, proof of jump school completion. This can be a DD-214, copy of the graduation certificate, etc.

• **Other Certificates** – for prior service jumpers, any documentation showing completion of JM school, Pathfinder School, etc

• **DD-214** – it is a good idea for prior service students to have copies of their DD-214 because it contains much of the needed prior service information.

• **Parachute Jump Log** – for prior jumpers, you need to bring your jump log.

School Costs

• **All Students** – A $250 deposit is required to save you a slot for school, this amount includes your first year (2021) of team dues. This deposit is part of the fees listed below, not in addition to.

• **New Jumper Students** – The cost for new jumpers is $ 1,200.00. This includes a double room, most meals (breakfast, lunch and graduation dinner, other dinners not covered) equipment, jump fees for (5) jumps, third party liability insurance and packing instruction. All you need to worry about is some spending money and getting to and from the school.

• **Jump Refresher Students** – The cost for jump refresher students is $750. This includes a double room, meals (as listed above), equipment, jump fees for (3) jumps , insurance. All you need to worry about is some spending money and getting to and from the school.

* **NOTE** – If a jump refresher student comes out for the entire course, there will be an additional charge of $60 per day for room and food for the extra days. So the cost of a refresher student doing the entire course would be $870. ($750 + two days of extra training at $60 per day)

Preparation - Before School Starts

"Check Canopy"

Packing List For School

- ☐ Training uniforms (BDU / ACU / Coveralls)
- ☐ Jump Boots (broken in)
- ☐ Plenty of Socks
- ☐ Rain Gear
- ☐ PT Clothes and Shoes
- ☐ Nicer clothes (jeans / collared shirt)
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Nice uniform for Wing Ceremony
- ☐ Jump Helmet (Modern is preferred)
- ☐ Jacket or coat
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Student Handbook and handouts in binder
- ☐ Pencils and pens / notebook
- ☐ Pocket knife or hook knife
- ☐ $$ for team patches and gear
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Aspirin / Pain Medication
- ☐ Extra contact lenses / spare glasses
- ☐ Eyewear retention device for jumping
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Paperwork Needed

- ☐ Emergency Contact Information
- ☐ Doctors Release
- ☐ Certificates from Basic Airborne Course / JM school / Pathfinder School (if applicable)
- ☐ Jump Log (if applicable)
- ☐ DD-214 (if applicable)

While At School

"Keep A Sharp Look Out During Descent"

Spring Training School Dates 20 March – 28 March 2021

New Jumper Students

0800 Sunday ----> Saturday

New students need to plan on being at **NTRA** by the evening of Saturday, 20 March. Training begins on Sunday at 0800, March 21, 2021.

Jump Refresher Students

0800 Tuesday ----> Saturday

Jump refresher students need to plan on being at NTRA by the evening of Monday, 22 March. Training begins Tuesday March 23 at 0800, 2021.

NOTE: Saturday, March 27, is the final day of training and C-47 jumps, do not plan an early departure on the 27th. March 28 is is weather makeup day and clean up day.

Accommodations

Because of the amount of information put out, the physical stress of the PLF pit and suspended harness and the mental stress of all the training – students need quality down time. All students will be staying in hotel lodging contracted by LJT. It is important that all the students have comfortable places to stay so they do not worry about training and get a good night's sleep. All of the accommodations are handled by the Team coordinator for the school. You will be doubled up with another student or LJT member. Requests for single rooms will require additional cost (paid before or upon arrival).

Meals

The Team will take care of cost feeding all students for breakfast, lunch and the team dinner Thursday night. Other evening meals are on the students.

Phones and Computers

No hot spot or wireless at the hangar, but then you will not have a lot of time to be on a computer or phone due to our busy schedule. Free wireless is available at the hotel and common phone carrier service is present at the hotel and hangar.

Insurance

Liberty Jump Team carries 3rd party liability insurance for all team activities. This insurance covers third parties – it is NOT medical insurance for team members. Team members are responsible for their own medical insurance. Also it is advisable that all new team members check on their own insurance policies to see what impact participating in parachute actives will have on them.

While At School

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School Guidelines and Etiquette

1. Be On Time! - Instructors will do their best to keep the school running on schedule. There is a lot of material and not a lot of time. Please be on time for all classes. If you are late you may miss something important.
2. Be Flexible! - Much of the training is contingent on certain weather. IF there are weather issues, we may need to change the schedule up.
3. Pay Attention! – There is a lot of material covered. The instructors will do their best to make sure you have ample chances to learn it, but YOU have to learn it. If you have questions, ASK! This is important stuff we are dealing with. So, no goofing around and pay attention!!
4. Be Organized! – Bring all your training material daily in the Student Handbook binder provided. Keep your gear organized. This mindset will get you ready for packing and the structured environment we have at school.
5. 8 hour Bottle to throttle - we have a very strict policy on alcohol. If you pick up a beer or any alcohol you do not touch chutes for repack for 8 hours. If you are within the 8 hours before jump you will not be manifested until the 8 hours have passed. This applies to **ALL** jump and ground personnel. There will be no beer brought in or consumed at the hangars at NTRA.

Schedule

Listed are main topics to give you an idea of what is covered during the school. Remember, the schedule is flexible and these topics may be worked according to the many variables that can cause schedule changes: weather, gear or aircraft availability, etc.

- Set Up - PT test for New Jumpers and Refreshers-
- Parachute Nomenclature - Fitting the Parachute – Parachute Packing
- Intro To PLF – Points of Performance - Mock Door
- PLF- Suspended Harness - Drag Training - Emergency Landings and Procedures
- Drop Zone Recon - Equipment Recovery and Procedure - Written Test
- Jump Commands - Pre-Jump - Jump -
- Graduation – Tear Down

Graduation Requirements & Wings

"Prepare To Land"

Graduation Requirements

The following are the primary graduation requirements :

New Students

1. Pass the minimum standard on the PT Test
2. Pass written test with a score of 75% or higher
3. Demonstrate knowledge of all proper nomenclature
4. Demonstrate ability to properly pack a MC-1 series parachute
5. Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to perform all Points of Performance
6. Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to perform all Emergency Landings and Procedures
7. Demonstrate ability to perform Parachute Landing Falls (PLFs)
8. Successfully execute (5) parachute jumps with proficiency demonstrated in:
    1. Proper execution of all the Points of Performance
    2. Canopy control
    3. Proper Landing and PLF

Jump Refresher Students

1. Pass the minimum standard on the PT Test
2. Pass written test with a score of 75% or higher
3. Demonstrate knowledge of all proper nomenclature
4. Demonstrate ability to properly pack a MC-1 series parachute
5. Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to perform all Points of Performance
6. Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to perform all Emergency Landings and Procedures
7. Demonstrate ability to perform Parachute Landing Falls (PLFs)
8. Successfully execute (3) parachute jumps with proficiency demonstrated in:
    1. Proper execution of all the Points of Performance
    2. Canopy control
    3. Proper Landing and PLF

Jump Aircraft

Initial training jumps will be performed from a smaller plane such as a Cessna 182 or 206. Once a student has shown that their skills upon exit are good then they will perform jump(s) from a C-47, DC-3,Caribou or other large frame aircraft. NOTE: Large and small aircraft are scheduled to support the training, however LJT reserves the right to substitute aircraft based on contracted aircraft support performance. They must exhibit a good exit, canopy control and landings on the designated drop zone.

Wings

After successful completion of the course, new LJT members are awarded the Liberty Jump Team wings. We do not award the US Army Parachutist badge; you have to graduate the Basic Airborne Course at Ft. Benning to receive those.

You will be awarded Liberty Jump Team wings in a graduation ceremony at the end of the course.

Common Questions & Answers

"Land"

Q: I was never in the military. Can I still join LJT?
A: - Absolutely! Although many of the Team members are former service members, anyone interested in the Team's mission is welcome to join. You don't have to be a veteran to be on the Team.

Q: - How much does the training cost?
A: - See page 5 of this handout. New student cost is $1200 and jump refresher student cost is $750. After you complete training it is suggested you purchase your own jump gear for events (guidance can be provided).

Q: - Where do I buy parachutes and how much do they cost?
A: - Team members can help you find sources for good equipment. Although costs vary, a main parachute will cost around $350 - $700. A reserve parachute will cost you around $250 - $350. It is HIGHLY recommended that you consult with veteran team members before you go buy gear. The team has specific requirements on the equipment. Also there is a lot of junk out there and we don't want you to waste your money!

Q: - What if I am a certified skydiver; do I still need to go through training?
A: - Yes. Square, or ram air parachuting is a lot different than round, static line parachuting. The procedures are different. The equipment is different. About the only similarity is using a parachute and leaving a plane in flight. Although we do welcome interested skydivers, you will still have to complete the training for round chutes.

Q: - I used to jump in the military, but was not a parachute rigger. Who packs my chute?
A: - Most prior service or current military members are not parachute riggers. But all members of the Team learn to pack their own main parachute. Parachute packing is part of the initial training you receive when you join the team. You will be surprised how fast you pick it up!

Q: - As a member of the LJT, how often will I jump?
A: - Once your are qualified to jump with the team, if you wish to participate in airshow events you will need a minimum of 35 jumps and currency (training, practice or other jump) completed within 90 days before the event. The Team will have events throughout the year that you will be able to jump at. Some of these will be shows, some training events, others might be veteran reunions, It is up to each individual jumper to stay current.

Q: - Do I need to be in great shape for the training?
A: - All students will take a PT test first thing when they get to school. Students will need to pass this test in order to continue with the school. The minimum standards are listed on page 4. Doing many PLFs, hanging in the suspended harness, performing drag training … these are all activities that will wear on a student physically. Students need to be prepared for this type of activity before they get to the school.

Common Questions & Answers

"Land"

Q: - What if parachuting isn't for me? Is there other things I can do to be on LJT?
A: - Absolutely there is! It takes a lot to make team activities happen. If you are not interested in jumping, you can work on the drop zones and even get certified to run them! LJT runs a DZSO (Drop Zone Safety Office) class that will teach you how to run the drop zones. You can also help by working on public relations items, fund raising, and many other areas.

Q: - I am currently in the military. Can I still join the LJT?
A: - Yes you can. We have many members who are currently serving in the Armed Forces. It is highly recommended that you get a letter of permission from your CO before you participate in training or jumping activity with the Team. LJT does not require this, but it is required by many commands. It is definitely something current military members need to check on!

Q: - What if I go for more than 3 months without a jump?
A: - Under the current SOP, if you go more than (3) months without jumping, you fall off jump status. Before you jump again with the Team, you must complete a BAR (Basic Airborne Refresher). This BAR takes 2-4 hours and can be done anywhere by any of the Team jump masters.

Q: - Do parachute jumps I do on my own or with other jump teams count for currency?
A: - Any round parachute jumps you make and are properly recorded in your log book count towards your currency. You are more than welcome to jump with anyone, LJT has no limitations on members jumping on their own. But it is highly recommended you consider safety issues when doing so. Also, LJT liability insurance only covers you when you are participating in LJT activities.

Q: - Do skydives count for jump currency?
A: - Under the current SOP , skydives do not count for currency. You must jump with round chutes to stay current. Square chute jumping is different than round chute jumping and will not keep you current. This requirement is also per our LOA with the FAA.

Q: - How does a LJT member who lives in Europe stay current?
A: - There are many members of LJT who live in Europe. Most of them get together to jump from time to time. We recommend that you contact Parachute Group Holland as we utilize their JMs and Rigger and have many crossover members. All members of LJT have the same currency requirements.

More Information
&
Membership Application

Below is contact information for training. If you have any about information contained in this packet, please contact us at the email below:

libertyjumpteami@aol.com

Attached at the end of this document is an application. If you are interested in joining, remove the application from this packet, complete, and mail to address given or scan and email.

It is important to LJT that every potential member, be they jumper or ground support, understand what the team is about and what is involved in joining.

Again, please feel free to contact us with any questions!

THE AIRBORNE CREED

I am an Airborne trooper! A PARATROOPER!
I jump by parachute from any plane in flight. I volunteered to do it, knowing well the hazards of my choice.
I serve in a mighty Airborne Force--famed for deeds in war--renowned for readiness in peace. It is my pledge to uphold its honor and prestige in all I am--in all I do.
I am an elite trooper--a sky trooper--a shock trooper--a spearhead trooper. I blaze the way to far-flung goals--behind, before, above the foe's front line.
I know that I may have to fight without support for days on end. Therefore, I keep mind and body always fit to do my part in any Airborne task. I am self-reliant and unafraid. I shoot true, and march fast and far. I fight hard and excel in every art and artifice of war.
I never fail a fellow trooper. I cherish as a sacred trust the lives of men with whom I serve.
Leaders have my fullest loyalty, and those I lead never find me lacking.
I have pride in the Airborne! I never let it down!

Liberty Jump Team Inc.

Dedicated to honoring the men and women of WWII and all Foreign Wars

A 501(C) (3) not for profit organization

Membership Application

I would like to support the Liberty Jump Team Inc. in its efforts to perpetuate the honor and recognition of the Veterans of World War II and all wars , through static line jump demonstrations, event participation and static displays both in the United States and the European Theatre of Operation. In consideration of the donation of my $100.00 annual fee, please include me as a FULL member of the foundation. Note that all fees are renewable on January 1st of each year but NLT Jan 15th, regardless of when his/her application is submitted. With many areas of operations available on the team, I understand that I will be assigned according to my qualifications and area of expertise.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____First Name:_____

Spouse Name:_____ DOB _____

Address:_____

City:_____ State: ____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country:_____

Passport #_____

Home #_____ Cell#_____

Email Address: _____

MILITARY HISTORY (if applicable)

Active: ____ Reserves: ____ Inactive/Retired: ____

Rank:_____

Branch and service years:_____

Conflicts participated in:_____

Relatives Veteran History:_____

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PARACHUTE JUMP HISTORY

Wings Earned: _____

Training:_____

# of Jumps: Static Line_____ Freefall_____

Last jump:_____ Rigger qualified_____

PARTICIPATION INTERESTS (check all that apply)

Parachutist: ___ Photographer: ____ Public Relations: ____ Veterans: ____
Publicity: ____ DZ security: ____ EMT: ____ Media: ____ Fundraising: ____
Website: ____ Static Display: ____ Translator:_____ Rigger_____

Signature:_____ Date:_____

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