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West Virginia National Guard Parachute Demonstration Team

1. References.

- a. AR 95-1.
- b. AR 215-2 (Ch 6)
- c. AR 360-61.
- d. AR 670-1.
- e. NGR 601-1.
- f. FORSCOM/ARNG Reg 350-2.
- g. NGR 680-1.
- h. DODPM Chapter 2.

2. Purpose. To establish policy for the West Virginia National Guard Parachute Demonstration Team, hereinafter referred to as The Green Beret Parachute Team (GBPT) and to provide procedural guidance on utilization of this team in support of recruiting activities for the West Virginia National Guard. (This team was formerly known as the "Cardinals.")

3. General. This regulation provides information relating to the requirements for membership in The GBPT, establishes proficiency training procedures, and outlines the manner in which requests from military units or civilian agencies will be processed, and contains specific requirements for approved demonstration jumps.

4. Participation and Membership. All membership

and participation in The GBPT will be voluntary and limited exclusively to active members of the West Virginia Army National Guard on Jump Status. Operational procedures and policies of the organization will be governed by the references listed in paragraph one.

a. In order to participate as a member of The Green Beret Parachute Team (GBPT), the following prerequisites must be met:

(1) Be assigned to a Unit where the MTOE/TDA position requires current airborne status.

(2) Be a graduate of a US Army Airborne School.

(3) Possess a valid USPA and International Aeronautic Federation of Parachutists License, Class "C" (Advanced) or higher. (Members holding a Class "A" or "B" license may participate in demonstrations performed on approved military drop zones.)

(4) Be an associate member of an established Sport Parachute Club. (The Sport Parachute Club provides public liability and property damage coverage for its members by membership in the US Parachute Association.)

(5) Participate only in those demonstrations with advance approval in writing from NGB-PA or TAG-WV (whichever is applicable), conducted IAW referenced regulations and where active recruiting is to be performed during and after each demonstration.

b. The Green Beret Parachute Team (GBPT) will be responsible for the training of new members and an

OIC/NCOIC of the team, as designated by the Cdr, 2/19 SFGA, will be responsible for membership of those active West Virginia Army National Guard personnel that meet all of the qualifications for membership in The GBPT. Training policy will conform to the standards established by FORSCOM/ARNG Reg 350-2.

5. **Proficiency training.** The GBPT is not authorized to perform demonstrations for the general public without sufficient proficiency training. Proficiency training is authorized as follows:

a. Upon completion of a scheduled UTA or MUTA (after normal duty hours) provided:

(1) Proficiency training is listed on the training schedule as an authorized after-duty activity.

(2) Military aircraft is on a normal flight mission and its normal mission is not specifically designated as support for GBPT proficiency training as outlined in AR 95 series regulations. Aircraft is not to be used if these activities adversely affect the training mission or flying hours of the aircraft crew.

(3) Proficiency training is performed on an approved military drop zone.

b. After normal duty hours while members of GBPT are in AT status provided the requirements of paragraph 5a (1), (2) and (3) above are met.

c. Prior to an approved demonstration The GBPT may perform proficiency training on an approved military drop zone provided:

(1) Requests for ADSW (nonpay status) Orders are submitted by the Cdr, 2/19th SFGA to the Plans, Operation Military Support Officer (POMSO) so as to

arrive no less than five days prior to the training, thus allowing the DCSPER sufficient time to publish Orders prior to the exercise.

(2) The provisions of paragraph 5a (2) and (3) are met.

(3) Commander, 2/19th SFGA or his designated representative is required to immediately notify the Plans, Operation Military Support Officer (POMSO) of non-performance of ADSW (nonpay status) duty after proficiency training so orders may be revoked.

6. **Demonstrations.**

a. The Cdr, 2/19th SFGA is the sponsoring unit for The Green Beret Parachute Team (GBPT).

b. The Commander, 2/19th SFGA is responsible to the TAG-WV to ensure that all personnel selected for membership in The GBPT meet the qualifications set forth in paragraph four above and that all Demonstration Jumps are conducted in strict accordance with the procedures outlined in references cited in paragraph one of this regulation.

c. Responsibility for obtaining approval from the USPA Area Safety Officer, FAA and for filing a complete NOTAM rests with The GBPT Safety Officer and will be accomplished prior to any approved demonstration.

d. Requests for The GBPT, along with forms attached as Annex "A", will be forwarded no less than 60 days prior to the event to The Adjutant General's Department, ATTN: WVAR-PO-O for determination of its validity insofar as being meaningful to the recruiting efforts of the West Virginia National Guard. Upon receipt, the following sequence of events transpires:

ACTION

(1) Request for GBPT comes to POMSO-WV.

RESULT

(1) POMSO contacts the RRM for a determination of valisity insofar as being meaningful to the recruiting efforts.

(a) If it is determined that the demonstration is not in the best interests of recruiting, then the request is returned to the requester as a disapproved action with reasons stated for nonparticipation.

(b) If it is determined that the request is in the best interest of recruiting, the request will be forwarded, by endorsement, to the Commander, AASF for scheduling of aircraft and crew on a training status.

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| <p>(2) POMSO forwards request to Commander, AASF</p> | <p>(2) Determination of availability of air crew on a training status is made:</p> <p>(a) If it is determined, after all methods of support have been analyzed, that the aircraft and crew are not available, the request is returned to TAG-WV ATTN: WVAR-PO-P with reasons for nonsupport so the requester can be advised.</p> <p>(b) If it is determined that the aircraft and crew available, the Cdr, AASF will forward the request by endorsement to Cdr, 2/19th SFGA for determination of availability of the GBPT.</p> |
| <p>(3) Commander, 2/19th SFGA receives request, from Commander, AASF.</p> | <p>(3) Determination of availability of the GBPT is made. Approval/Disapproval action is forwarded to TAG ATTN: WVAR-PO-P. a copy of this correspondence is provided Cdr, AASF.</p> |
| <p>(4) POMSO receives Approval/Disapproval correspondence from Commander, 2/19th SFGA.</p> | <p>(4) Cdr, 2/19th SFGA decision determines one of the following:</p> <p>(a) If disapproved, requester is advised with information copy furnished to AASF.</p> <p>(b) If approved, POMSO submits request for final Approval to TAG-WV or NGB-PA (whichever is applicable). Upon receipt of final approval, the requester is advised in writing with information copies furnished to Commander, AASF and Commander 2/19th SFGA.</p> |
| <p>(5) Commander, AASF/RRM; Commander, 2/19th SFGA receives information copy of final approval letter to requestor.</p> | <p>(5) <u>The following coordination is effected:</u></p> <p>(a) Designated POC for the GBPT contacts Commander, AASF to coordinate pick-up points, etc.</p> <p>(b) RRM arranges for recruiter.</p> <p>(c) PAO arranges for media support.</p> <p>(d) POMSO is to ensure ADSW without pay Orders are published upon receipt from Commander, 2/19th SFGA for verification and posting.</p> |

7. **Equipment.** The Property Book Officer, 2d Bn, 19th SFG is authorized to support the equipment needs of The GBPT from resources available provided the equipment is used for approved proficiency training or demonstrations. Any equipment obtained from this source, or any other military source, will be controlled in accordance with proper supply accounting procedures. Personal equipment may be utilized providing the equipment meets the provisions of para 6-17, AR 215-2, dtd 21 Nov 88.

8. **Special Requirements/Responsibilities.**

a. Commander, 2/19th SFGA will designate, by Memorandum, one member of The GBPT to be Point of Contact (POC) for coordination of activities.

b. ADSW (non-pay status) is authorized for approved demonstrations and Orders will be requested by the Commander, 2/19th SFGA or his designated representative thru the POMSO no less than 5 days prior to the demonstration, thus allowing DCSPER sufficient time to publish Orders prior to the demonstration. In the event a member of The GBPT, on Orders, fails to perform the duty, the POMSO is to be notified immediately so revocation action can be taken.

c. The GBPT must make the necessary arrangements to have one member of the team on the ground as a narrator for each event. Narrator is to have a "canned" verbal presentation of sufficient time length to entertain and properly advise the viewing public of all activities taking place. The GBPT is responsible for the

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hand receipt of the proper Public Address Equipment from existing unit resources, providing equipment of this type is not furnished by the sponsoring organization. d. PAO is responsible for arranging media coverage (when available).

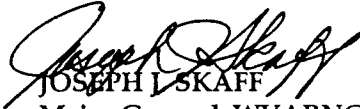
e. The RRM is responsible for insuring that a minimum of one fulltime Recruiter is on the scene to field questions from prospects and provide information about the Army National Guard.

f. The GBPT will perform each demonstration in a Federal ADSW (nonpay status) except when the Commander, 2/19th SFGA has specifically authorized their performance in an IDT status. In the event that this approval is granted, it is the responsibility of the commander to insure the training schedule properly reflects the demonstration and in the event of a change to the schedule, submit the change to TAG-WV, ATTN: DCSOPS.

g. Commander, 2/19th SFGA is responsible for taking the necessary administrative actions as per State Safety SOP in event of death or injury of a member(s) of The GBPT while participating in proficiency training or a demonstration jump.

h. News media representatives will not be authorized to ride on the military aircraft without prior written approval of TAG-WV. Requests for such approval will be forwarded to the WVAR-PO-P.

9. **Unit Recruiting Activities.** Members of the WVARNG, involved in recruiting duty at a demonstration site must be in the appropriate uniform and meet the appearance standards of AR 670-1.


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