

Welcome to Jumpfest '77

With the drop of the first wind streamer from the C-7 Caribou, the Seventh Annual Military Jumpfest will be underway.

Sponsored by the 1st Special Operations Wing (SOW) and the Special Operations Combat Control Team, the Jumpfest was first held in 1970 with 150 jumpers, as a fund raising event for the local prisoner of war and missing in action effort.

Although the military parachutists had shown their support of the prisoners and missing in action, they weren't about to stop there. To further prove their support, they held two more POW/MIA Jumpfests in 1971 and 1972 before the prisoners were released in 1973.

It was then in 1973 that the contemporary name of "Fourth Annual Jumpfest" originated and the competition had grown to be a highlight of all military competitions.

The Jumpfest is designed to promote better community relations by represent-

ing the mission of participating units; to promote inter/intra service cooperation by bringing military units together to discuss and demonstrate new employment techniques and equipment; and to promote and forward the purpose of the U.S. Air Force and its parachuting forces.

Air Force teams competing in the Jumpfest will come not only from the continental United States but also from Germany, Italy, the Panama Canal Zone and the Philippines. Army and Navy teams will be coming from North Carolina, California and Virginia as well as from Eglin and Pensacola.

This year the emphasis will be on team work. The awards for individual performance have been eliminated. Trophies will be given to the top three teams in both static line and TRAC competition with a Commander's trophy to be given to the "most professional" team.

This year's meet is expected to draw 400 competitors on 80 teams worldwide.

Supporting this year's Jumpfest are the C-7 Caribou belonging to the 94th Tactical Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve, Dobbins AFB, Ga. The C-7 provides an outstanding platform for the jumpers.

Providing the many weeks and hours of coordination for the Jumpfest are the members of the Special Operations Combat Control Team (CCT). The CCT is headed by Capt. Roger Wildermuth and his assistant, Capt. David Herrington. Unique to Tactical Air Command, the CCT members are trained in everything from SCUBA, to radio maintenance, weather observers, water survival, jungle survival, Arctic survival, emergency medicine, to high altitude-low opening parachute techniques - all to support the job of going in first to direct air strikes and air lift.



Meet Director: Capt Roger Wildermuth
Asst Meet Director: Capt David Herrington
Meet Coordinators: TSgt Roger Klair
SSgt Bill Carbone
Registration: Sgt Dan Blankenship
Meet Secretary: A1C Molly Vermeer
Chief Judge: SMSgt C. E. Bowden
Static Line Event Judge: CMSgt Bob Gabriel
Free Fall Event Judge: TSgt Bob Antle (Dyess
AFB CCT)
Judges: Mr. Jerry Rouillard, US Parachute
Assn National Director
TSgt Don Carlyle, USAF
SSgt Wayne Gardner, USAF
SCPO Dave Sutherland, USN
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TSgt Bob Blowers, USAF
Capt Mike Russel, USAF
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Capt Michael Lackey, USAF
Capt Tom Krivanek, USA
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MSgt Wes Jernigan, USAF
Chief Manifestor: MSgt Robert B. Mahaffey,
USAF
Chief Rigger: MSgt Jay Bishop, USAF
Chief Scorer: Sue Gabriel

Jumpfest 77 Schedule

Friday, Sept. 2

7:00 Start registration
12-4:00 p.m. Practice jumps

Saturday, Sept. 3

8:00 a.m. End registration
8:00 a.m. Brief by Meet Director
8:15 a.m. Brief by Chief Judge
8:30 a.m. Wind streamer
8:45 a.m. Start free-fall competition
1:30 p.m. Start static-line competition
6:30 p.m. End competition for the day

Sunday, Sept. 4

7:00 a.m. Wind streamer
7:15 a.m. Static line competition
10:00 a.m. Free-fall competition
6:30 p.m. End of competition
7:30 p.m. Banquet and trophy presentation



Blackie has never missed a jumpfest

He hasn't missed one yet. For each of the seven Jumpfests he has waited patiently outside the chalk circle, either watching for the boss's canopy to pop out below the C-7 Caribou or for him to take a break from officiating the meet.

Blackie, Paradog, Canine Canopy or Bless his Heart - the mixture of black labrador and dachshound answers to all of them. But he will only respond to the blue and white checked canopy of his master, CMSgt. Robert Gabriel, senior enlisted advisor for the 1st Special operations Wing.

More than once, Blackie has sneaked aboard an aircraft and remained hidden until takeoff, but he has yet to earn his jump wings. He'll spend his time on the ground this year too, while Chief Gabriel acts as a judge for Jumpfest '77.

Jumpfest '77 competition rules

The four man/woman teams will enter in free fall Team Relative Work Accuracy (TRAC) or static line accuracy. Free-fall competitors must be members of the U.S. Parachute Association (USPA) and C license qualified. Static line competitors must be on jump status.

TRAC Event Rules

Each jump is made from an altitude of 7500 feet above ground level, with the lowest team member opening no lower than 2500 feet. Each jump shall consist of a four person formation of either a star, snowflake, diamond or a caterpillar.

Star—Four parachutists in flat, stable, face-down position, linked by hand or arm, facing a central point, symmetrically arranged so their bodies form approximately equal angles to each other.

Diamond—Four parachutists in a flat, stable face-down position, linked hand to leg so as to form a rough diamond, with the bodies of all participants approximately parallel.

Caterpillar—Four parachutists in flat, stable face-down position, linked in a straight line, head to feet, with each trailing member grasping the legs

of the team member in front.

Two-point snowflake—Four parachutist in flat stable facedown position with two members of the team linked hand to hand in a two-man hookup and two members linked hand to leg behind them forming straight line.

To receive credit for all or any part of a formation, the team members in the formation must be stationary.

The TRAC event will be judges by no fewer than three principal judges on the target and no fewer than three judges on optical devices.

Teams will be awarded points for the relative work in the formation and for accuracy on hitting the target. After the jumpers break from the formation they will be aiming for a target disc four inches in diameter. The point at which the first part of a competitor's body strikes the ground will be marked.

A measurement in meters and centimeters will be made from the edge of the disk to the mark. The measurement is the competitor's score for that jump.

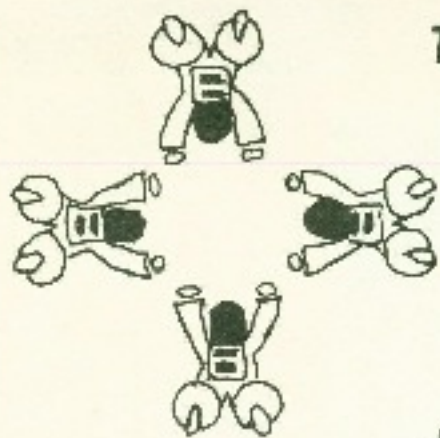
This team with the lowest number of relative work

points and least amount of cumulative distance to the disk shall be the TRAC champions.

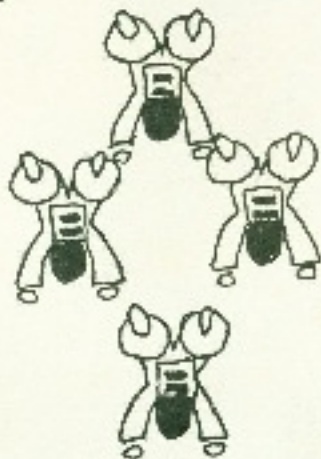
Static Line Team Accuracy

Each jump is from an altitude of 1,500 feet above ground level. Each team member will be timed. A watch will be started when the first part of the competitor's body strikes the ground and stopped when any portion of the competitor's body touches the disk. The least total time will determine team standings.

TRAC formations



Star



Diamond



Caterpillar



Two-point snowflake

