**Contributor Interview Questionnaire for**:

The Book Project: *The Story of the U.S. Army Parachute Team Through the Years*

**Please note:** 1) All information you provide is strictly confidential and will not be used without your express written permission which will be provided under separate cover at the appropriate time prior to the book’s publication. 2) The information you provide will become the basis for telephone interviews that I may conduct with you as necessary at times convenient to you. 3.) Your responses need not be lengthy. They will prompt questions from me in possible phone interviews.

**Photos:** If you have photos that you’d like me to see or have for possible use, please attach them to this document when you return it. Please make sure to caption each photo as to the who, the what, the when and the where.

**An Important Word About Deadlines:** My rough deadlines are: **Present until mid-2022**: Research. **Mid-2022 until January 2023:** Write and edit the initial manuscript. **January 2023 to mid-2023:** Circulate the initial manuscript among contributors and collaborators for possible changes. **Mid-2023:** Publish. *Please help me stay on deadline by completeing and returning this questionnaire as soon as possible!*

Instructions for Use

As this is an editable Word document, please enter your answers underneath the questions. The document will expand as necessary. When finished, please save a copy for yourself and email me (or snail mail me) a copy as a .docx. When I receive it, I will review it and then may contact you for an interview with questions that I may have or subjects that I want to pursue.

**Your Info...**

**Name:**

**Mailing address:**

**Telephone number:**

**Best time(s) to call:**

**Email:**

**Year(s) on the Team?:**

**Rank:**

**Please tell me about yourself: Your hometown, where you went to school, what prompted you to enlist, how many years total you served in the military, combat tours, units you served in other than the Team, citations, anything you would like to share.**

**Team Section(s) with which you served?** Check or X what applies.

( ) Black ( ) Gold ( ) Competition ( ) Style and Accuracy

( ) Sequential ( ) Tandem ( ) Aviation ( ) Flag/ Narrator

( ) Advance/Sponsor or Show Liaison ( ) Logistics ( ) Public Information

( ) Video/Photo/Music ( ) Headquarters ( ) Other function:

**During Your Time On The Team...**

Please note: The book’s purpose is to provide the reader with a close overview of the Team’s evolution from its inception in 1959 up to the present day. Please answer the following questions as they relate to your time on the Team. ***It is very import to note that my goal is to present the Team, no matter the time period or command structure in the best possible positive light. Please remember that I am not writing a dry history of the Team’s evolution, rather a history brought to life through the eyes of its members over the years. Your details and your story will be very important to serve that cause.***

**The Questions...**

**Question: “During your time on the time, what significant events do you recall?** *(These events might include record attempts and competitions, dignitaries honored, changes of command, significant air show and sports event appearances and demonstrations, commemorations or anything thing else that you think important.)*

**Question: “How did you come to be on the Team?”**

**Question: “What did you enjoy most about your time on the Team?”**

**Question: “How did your time on the Team affect the time you served in the military and later in civilian life?”**

**Question: “What Team rituals do you recall?”**

**Question: “Tell me about Team training and practice and where you trained during your time on the Team.”**

**Question: During your time on the time, what equipment did you utilize? Main and reserve canopies? Containers? Helmets? Boots?**

**Question: During your time on the Team, what significant equipment changes were made?**

**Question: Which aircraft was the Team utilizing during your tour(s).**

**Question: “When not doing demonstrations, competing or meeting the public, how did you spend your on duty time?’**

**Question: “What you enjoyed about your interaction with the public during your Team service?”**

**Understanding that this book is being prepared, first and foremost for past and current Team members, please tell me what you would like to see in the book and what would make it special to you:**

**And last, please add any general comments or items of significance you think important to the project and the book:**

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**When finished, please email this document back to me at:** **usaptbook@gmail.com** **or snail mail it to me at:**

**1310 Browns Store, Heathsville, VA 22473**

**And please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions at all. The best times to call are Monday though Friday, 0900-1200 hours and 1400-2000 hours. 804-313-0932 If busy, please leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible.**

**I am indebted to you for your response!**

**Sincerely, Mike Marcon**