



WWII AIRBORNE DEMONSTRATION TEAM FOUNDATION

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To: Prospective members

The men and women of the World War II Airborne Demonstration Team Foundation (WWII ADT) would like to thank you for your interest in our organization. We hope that this overview and the enclosed information will help you make your decision on whether to join our team.

The WWII ADT is based on the War Bond Demonstration Teams created in April 1945, at the request of the United States Treasury Department and in compliance with Army Ground Force orders.

Ours is a civilian organization and though many of us do, you do not have to have any military background to join. You should however, be in good physical condition and not over-weight. If you are over-weight, then you must be young enough and physically fit to endure the training. It is strenuous and will take its toll on your body. Many have said that the first step out the door is a life changing experience. Jumping from an aircraft in flight is not for everyone. We have many students start the training process only to find that this was not for them. This is normal and we expect it. However, if you believe in our mission and wish to help support it there will always be a place for you. You need not become jump qualified to participate.

Our mission is to execute the substance of our motto "Remember, Honor, Serve." This is accomplished through our participation at air shows, Veterans reunions and by individual efforts. We do this in order to inform and educate the public, especially our young people.

We are always recruiting volunteers like you to help make this vision a reality and we hope that the information enclosed will help you to make an informed decision about the Team. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Send an email to recruiting@wwiadt.org.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

For jump personnel; the annual dues are \$50.00 per year, plus \$75.00 for the cost of parachuting liability insurance - a total of \$125.00 per year. These annual fees are due on January 1st of every year.

JUMP SCHOOL OPTIONS

There are 2 courses of training available:

- The Long Course (Tier 1 and/or Tier 2):
 - Friday evening – in process at 1900 hrs
 - Saturday thru Wednesday noon - Ground Phase and testing
 - Wednesday afternoon thru Saturday - Jump Phase
 - Saturday - Open Hangar Day, graduation, and Dining In Party
- The Short Course (Tier 3 and/or Tier 2):
 - Friday evening – in process at 1900 hrs
 - Saturday – Basic Airborne Refresher (BAR) and testing for the Tier 2
 - Sunday – "Jump Phase", training complete, Wing Pinning

There are 3 experience levels currently considered for participation in our jump school courses.

TIER 1 - This is the standard school option where no military jump certification has been attained by the candidate. Courses are run in July and October. Tier 1 applicants are required to attend the "Long Course".

Applicants come to the Frederick Army Airfield (Frederick Municipal Airport) Frederick, OK for the 9-day jump school (Friday evening in-processing thru the next Sunday morning departure). The cost of the course is \$1750.00 per person. (Effective January 1st, 2021, the fee will increase to \$2000.) This fee includes WWII ADT annual membership from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st, liability insurance, three meals a day for the 8 days of training (Saturday thru Saturday), basic lodging accommodation, aircraft fees (5 jumps), parachute equipment use and rigger services.

Tier 1 students must pass both written and practical tests demonstrating their ability to comprehend and implement the training, with particular emphasis on PLFs, canopy control, and emergency procedures. This will enable the student to move into the Jump Phase of the training. Failure to demonstrate this ability will mean that the student will NOT be eligible to move onto the Jump Phase. The instructors will continue to train with the applicant to insure their success for up to 1 year and 1 month.

TIER 2 - Is available to civilians who are Airborne Veterans (veterans previously jump qualified).

Training will involve familiarization with the unique equipment used by the team and ensure competence with emergency procedures. At the successful completion of training and evaluations, students will then be given the opportunity to perform 2 jumps successfully.

The fee for the Tier 2 course is \$875.00 (Effective January 1st, 2021: if it has been 10 years or less since leaving Airborne status, an applicant can attend the "Short Course" at a cost of \$750. If it has been longer than 10 years since leaving Airborne status, an applicant will attend the long course at a cost of \$1000.) This fee includes WWII ADT annual membership from Jan. 1st to Dec 31st, liability insurance, three meals a day during your training, basic lodging accommodation, aircraft fees (2 jumps), parachute equipment use and rigger services.

Tier 2 must pass practical tests demonstrating their ability to comprehend and implement the training, with particular emphasis on PLFs, canopy control, and emergency procedures. This will enable you to move into the jump phase of the school. Failure to demonstrate this ability will mean that you will NOT be eligible to move onto the jump phase of the school. The instructors will continue to train with you to insure your success for up to 1 year and 1 month.

TIER 3 – Is available to currently serving military Airborne Veterans, supporting agencies, and allies that have completed a military static-line parachuting school. Tier 3 will attend the "Short Course". All personnel must successfully complete a series of PLFs, prove their understanding of canopy control, and properly respond to simulated emergency conditions. Upon completion of the training, 2 jumps will be performed.

The cost of Tier 3 is \$500.00 per person. This includes WWII ADT annual membership dues to the end of the year, liability insurance, three meals a day during your 2 days of training, basic lodging accommodation, aircraft fees (2 jumps), parachute equipment use and rigger services.

For all 3 tier levels, after the completion of your training, you are considered a full member of ADT, but are on probation for 1 year. During your continued participation after graduation, you will pay the same meal and jump rates as the cadre. Meals/quarters are \$20 per day and jumps are \$30 per jump. There are no additional charges for rigging or parachutes.

To make a reservations for our 2020 Jump Schools, a deposit of \$250.00 is required in advance. (The deposit for all 2021 courses is \$500). The deposit is **NONREFUNDABLE**. We will allow you to postpone your enrollment one time outside of 1 month before your course begins without forfeiting your deposit. This allows us to purchase, in advance, items to support your training, food for your meals, and it holds your spot in our school. The balance is due on arrival at jump school. It is suggested to send in your

deposit as soon as possible; this will hold your spot in the school, since these slots are hard to come by. In addition, once we receive your deposit, you will be given access to detailed jump school information, including a physical training program and a link to other attendees for your school.

NOTE: If for any reason we cancel the jump school or training, you will be given the option of having your deposit refunded or rolling it over to another jump school.

REQUIREMENTS for PARACHUTE DUTY

You should be alert, active, and supple, with firm muscles and sound limbs, capable of development into an active jumper, with good endurance. Please see the following limitations:

Age - Minimum 18 and Maximum 70. You may start ground training prior to your 18th birthday; however, you must be 18 to enter the jump phase of training. You may only enter training after 70 on appeal with supporting documentation of being mentally sound, physical fit, and capable of jumping off of a 4 foot platform performing an intentional fall from a doctor. **If you are 50 years or older or have ever had a severe injury, you must present a medical statement from your physician, on his/her letterhead, stating that you are fit to participate in parachute training.** This will become a part of your personnel record. **NOTE:** There is no maximum age to continue jumping after your training is complete, although after age 70 an annual review will be conducted for the jumper's safety.

Height – A minimum 59 inches (4ft. 11ins.) and a maximum not to exceed 78 inches (6ft. 6ins.).

Weight – Minimum of 105 pounds and maximum not to exceed **240** pounds. However, height and weight should be proportional. The weight is not the issue. A standard military harness will not fit a small or over-weight person.

Vision – Vision must be correctable to 20/20. Bring your glasses with you.

Hearing – You must be able to hear the jump commands over the sound of the aircraft's engines.

Nervous system – Evidence of highly labile nervous system may disqualify.

Bones/Joints – You must be able to pick up 60 pounds; the lack of normal mobility in your upper and lower body joints, poor or unequally developed musculature, poor coordination, or lack of at least average athletic ability may disqualify.

Medical History - History of painful arches, recurrent knee or ankle injuries, recent fractures, old fracture with deformity, pain or limitation of motion, arthritis, you should have 90% to full range of motion, recurrent dislocations, recent severe illness, operation, or chronic disease may disqualify.

If you have had any type of debilitating injury, High Blood Pressure, Diabetes or Severe Allergies - You must present a medical statement from your physician, on his/her letterhead, stating that you are physically able to participate. If you suffer from severe allergies, those that may result in anaphylactic shock, you must have your medication on you at all times. You must make your instructors and the Drop Zone team aware of your problem and the location of your medication.

Parachute School Uniform

New members must acquire their own uniforms and equipment, but are no longer required to start with a WWII uniform. To attend Parachuting School, the student must have a WWII uniform OR a post WWII uniform complete with an acceptable jump helmet. (Jump helmets are available to rent and with a deposit at the Parachuting School upon advance request to insure that enough are available). The acceptable uniforms will be either WWII, Korean War, Viet Nam OD (OG-107) rip stop (or police force similar OD in color), or post Viet Nam OD fatigues with the appropriate era correct boots. Students with camouflaged military issued uniforms will be approved **ONLY** as an exception by the Commander. An OD (olive drab) green uniform is highly encouraged regardless of era. We always have TV News and other film crews on location and the OD uniform would blend in. Since some type of media is always present, **military grooming standards are required**. Please keep in mind that the Parachute School Uniform will be the

uniform that you will wear during the majority of your training and may get dirty/soiled, you may prefer to have 2 sets.

Once a deposit has been received for attendance at jump school, you will be invited (via e-mail) to participate in the WWII ADT Student Group. More information to include a student packing (clothing, supplies, etc.) list is available on the Student Group to assist students with preparing to attend Jump School.

OTHER UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The student who chooses to become a new member of our Team has one year after becoming a member to get the minimum uniform requirement of a Class B (Khakis) and Class D uniform (HBTs). By the end of the 2nd year or before participation in any events or demonstration jumps, the member must have the below Class C – M42 and M43 Field Uniforms and the below listed field gear.

REQUIRED AFTER ONE YEAR

Class B – Service duty uniform (Required). Purpose of this uniform will be to provide a basic walking out uniform when in town and at other public social events.

1. Cap, Overseas Service, Khaki – with arm of service piping and insignia
2. Jacket, Leather, Type A-2 - with insignia (Optional – available thru Walmart)
3. Shirt, Long Sleeve, Cotton, Khaki – with insignia (Dickie's from Walmart)
4. Necktie, Khaki
5. T-shirt, White
6. Trousers, Cotton, Khaki (Dickie's from Walmart)
7. Belt, Web, Waist, Khaki, Enlisted Men open face buckle or Officers closed face brass buckle
8. Boots, Parachute Jumper, Brown with pants bloused for parachute qualified personnel (10" Brown Corcorans are recommended) or Shoes, Service Dress or Field Service, Brown for non-parachute qualified personnel.

REQUIRED AFTER ONE YEAR

Class D – HBT Utility Uniform (Required). Purpose of this uniform will be to provide a working uniform for training jumps and jump school to minimize wear and tear on the Class C uniform. This will also serve as a Field Uniform for non-parachute qualified personnel.

1. Jacket, HBT or HBT one piece utility - rank and wings only
2. Trousers, HBT or HBT one piece utility
3. Undershirt, OD or T-shirt, White
4. Belt, Web, Waist, Khaki, Enlisted Men open face buckle or officers closed face brass buckle
5. Boots, Parachute Jumper, Brown with pants bloused for parachute qualified personnel (10" Brown Corcorans are recommended) or Shoes, Field Service, Brown for non-parachute qualified personnel.

REQUIRED AFTER TWO YEARS OR IF PARTICIPATING IN DEMOS OR JUMPS AT EVENTS

Class C – Field Uniform (M42 and M43 are required for parachute qualified personnel only). Purpose of these uniforms will be to provide a uniform for demonstration jumps, static displays and other events.

1. Cap, Overseas Service, OD – with arm of service piping and insignia
2. Shirt, Flannel, OD (Optional) – with insignia
3. Undershirt, OD or T-shirt, White
4. Jacket, Parachutist, M42 (un-reinforced or reinforced) and M43 Field Jacket (when specified) – with insignia
5. Trousers, Parachutist, M42 (un-reinforced or reinforced) and M43 Field Trousers with cargo pocket modification (when specified)
6. Belt, Web, Waist, Khaki, Enlisted Men open face buckle or Officers closed face brass buckle
7. Boots, Parachute Jumper, Brown (10" Brown Corcorans are recommended)

Field Gear - As a minimum all members are required to have the following equipment:

- a. Helmet, Steel (M1C paratrooper configuration with Inland or Westinghouse liner)
- b. Suspenders, M36
- c. Belt, Cartridge, M1923 or Belt, Pistol, M1936 with appropriate ammo pouches
- d. Canteen, M1910 or M1942 with Cup and Cover
- e. Pouch, First Aid
- f. Bag, Musette, M1936

Other equipment worn by the unit or individual you are representing may be worn as well. Safety during parachute operations will take priority over authenticity.

Please check with us about weapons options.

INDIVIDUAL CLOTHING SUPPLIERS

AT THE FRONT,
www.atthefront.com

WHAT PRICE GLORY,
www.whatpriceglory.com

WW II IMPRESSIONS,
www.wwiiimpressions.com

These are just some of the businesses many of our members have done business with. I'm sure that there are others out there, so check around.

For the M1C steel helmets and liners in the paratrooper configuration, we recommend only one after-market supplier (J. Murray, Inc.).

We recommend only one manufacturer for the paratrooper jump boots: "Corcoran" 10 Inch Historical Brown Jump Boot. We do not recommend buying them from the WWII clothing suppliers due to their mark-up. These boots are available through numerous vendors.