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MEMORANDUM FOR Leaders, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg Garrison

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Policy Letter #7, XVIII Airborne Corps Airborne Operations

1. Purpose. To prescribe XVIII Airborne Corps policy for airborne operations.
2. Applicability. This policy applies to all Soldiers assigned, attached **or conducting** airborne operations with the XVIII Airborne Corps.

3. Policy.

a. I delegate responsibility to develop and maintain the standard Corps Airborne Standing Operating Procedures (ASOP) to the Commander, 82d Airborne Division. To ensure interoperability of the airborne component of the Global Response Forces, all units assigned or attached to the XVIII Airborne Corps will use and follow the current version of the 82d Airborne Division's ASOP. **ASOP revisions that impact installation support agencies, inter-service responsibilities, or airborne units outside the 82d Airborne Division will be reviewed by the XVIII Airborne Corps G3 prior to implementation.**

b. Soldiers Jumping with Units Outside of XVIII Airborne Corps. Soldiers on hazardous duty orders and serving in a Paid Parachute Position are authorized to participate in airborne operations with airborne units outside of the XVIII Airborne Corps for proficiency and pay purposes.

c. **Soldiers assigned to non-XVIII Airborne Corps Units. Soldiers on hazardous duty orders and serving in a Paid Parachute Position who wish to jump with an XVIII Airborne Corps unit must successfully complete all steps listed immediately below.**

(1) Coordinate with the Corps / Division G3 Air NLT two (2) days prior to the desired airborne operation in order to determine if a jump slot is available.

(2) Provide to the Airborne Commander a memorandum from the Soldier's Company Commander or First Sergeant stating that the individual is authorized to participate in the airborne operation. This memo will also verify that the Soldier is on Hazardous Duty Orders and is a current jumper.

d. Tailgate Airborne Operations (USAF aircraft). Due to restrictions in Air Force Instructions 11-2C-130V3, 4 February 2013, XVIII Airborne Corps units are restricted from using Joint Airborne/Air Transportability Training (JA/ATT) aircraft to conduct static

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line airborne operations from the tailgate of Air Force aircraft with the following exceptions:

(1) Rough Terrain Teams and selected units within the 20th Engineer Brigade (161st ESC and 618th ESC) when conducting combination drops in support of approved mission essential task list (METL) training.

(2) XVIII Airborne Corps LRS Company (F/51st IN) when conducting combination drops in support of approved METL training.

(3) Fort Bragg Saturday Proficiency Jump Program (SPJP).

(4) Submit requests for other exceptions to policy (ETP) through the XVIII Airborne Corps ACofS, G3 to the Deputy Commanding General. ETPs must be submitted to the XVIII Airborne ACofS, G3/Air NLT 10 days prior to the date of the airborne operation.

e. Use of Army and **Non-standard** Aircraft for Airborne Operations. Unit commanders will ensure that airborne training is conducted from high-performance aircraft at night with combat equipment to the greatest extent possible. Approval authorities to conduct static line airborne operations from rotary wing and non-standard aircraft are:

(1) 82d Airborne Division units: **Division Commanding General, who may delegate this authority in writing to a Deputy CG.**

(2) All Other XVIII Airborne Corps units: **The XVIII Airborne Corps Deputy Commanding General or Deputy Commanding General-Operations (DCG-O).**

f. MC-6 Parachute Usage. **XVIII Airborne Corps units typically jump with the T-11 parachute. Accordingly, Corps personnel are generally limited from using MC-6 parachutes during airborne operations with the exception of those listed in this paragraph.** Personnel and units not authorized to use the MC-6 by this paragraph must submit an exception to this policy in order to jump the MC-6. This includes individuals jumping the MC-6 with units both within and outside the XVIII Airborne Corps (to include USASOC and ABNSOTD) and includes Colonels, Sergeants Major, Executive Officers, Aides de Camp, and drivers to General Officers:

(1) Corps personnel authorized to use the MC-6 are:

(a) Soldiers assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps Long Range Surveillance (LRS) Company (F/51st IN).

(b) Soldiers assigned to the 57th EN Company, 27th EN Battalion, Rough Terrain Teams when conducting rough terrain equipment jumps.

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(c) Soldiers assigned to the 383d Quartermaster Rigger Support Team who operate in direct support of the XVIII Airborne Corps LRS (F/51st IN) when conducting rigger proficiency jumps.

(d) Riggers assigned to 647th QM Company with duties to pack the MC-6 parachute when conducting rigger proficiency jumps.

(e) General Officers.

(f) Command Sergeants Major of General Officer Headquarters.

(g) Commanders, Command Sergeants Major and First Sergeants who are in direct oversight of units authorized to jump the MC-6 when jumping with their subordinate units during an approved MC-6 airborne operation. Example: the XVIII Airborne Corps HHBn Commander/CSM when jumping with F/51st IN.

(h) Soldiers in a student status participating in airborne operations IAW a resident course POI. Examples: Pathfinder Course, RSLC, etc.

(2) MC-6 Pre-Requisite Training. Initial training for the MC-6 parachute will include at a minimum: viewing of the MC-6 instructional training video and MC-6 Sustained Airborne Training (SAT) by a MC-6 qualified jump master. **If resources are available, units will make every effort to coordinate for the use of MC-6 simulator as part of initial training.** This initial training will be recorded on a memo signed by the certifying jump master or other documentation verifying that the training was completed. A record of MC-6 initial training will be maintained with the jumper's DA Form 1307 at the unit level. Documentation of initial training or previous MC-6 experience must accompany any request for an exception to policy to jump the MC-6. **If a MC-6 simulator was not used for initial training, the exception to policy request will state why. Soldiers who have completed MC-6 initial training and jumped the MC-6 while assigned to a non-XVIII Airborne Corps unit will maintain documentation of that training with their jump record.**

(3) MC-6 Exception to Policy Process. Requests for exception to policy to jump the MC-6 must include documentation that confirms the individual(s) has/have completed pre-requisite initial training required to jump the MC-6 IAW this paragraph. Submit ETPs NLT 10 days prior to the date of the airborne operation.

(a) 82d Airborne Division Units. **ETP approval authority is the 82d Airborne Division Commanding General who may delegate this authority in writing to a DCG.** Submit ETP requests through the ACofS, G3, 82d Airborne Division, for approval.

(b) Other XVIII Airborne Corps Units. ETP approval authority is the XVIII Airborne Corps Deputy Commanding General or **DCG-O.** Submit requests through the ACofS, G3/Air for approval.

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g. Other Guidance.

(1) XVIII Airborne Corps parachutists will successfully complete a day combat equipment jump with the T-11 parachute, either at Airborne School or with their unit, prior to undertaking a night combat equipment jump with the T-11 parachute.

(2) All members of the Drop Zone Support team will remain at the drop zone until all jumpers have been accounted for.

(3) Corps units do not have the authority to enter into Memorandums of Agreement for rigger and parachute support with non-Forces Command (FORSCOM) units. Non-FORSCOM units will submit support request for riggers and parachutes to XVIII Airborne Corps G3 Taskings. Requests must be received six weeks from the date of the operation.

(4) 82d Airborne Division and 3d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) are not authorized to hand receipt or loan parachutes to non-FORSCOM units without an exception to this policy or a published directive from the Corps G3. Exceptions to the policy will be submitted through the ACofS, G3 and require XVIII Airborne Corps Deputy Commanding General approval.

(5) Jump Wing Ceremonies. Jump wing ceremonies, to include those for foreign wing exchanges, will comply with Army and XVIII Airborne Corps policies. Leaders at all levels will take proactive steps to prevent "unauthorized initiations," (i.e., "blood wings" or similar) harassment or hazing.

(6) Submit exceptions to this policy not otherwise noted to the ACofS, G3, for consideration by the XVIII Airborne Corps Deputy Commanding General.



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