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PARACHUTIST DESIGNATION AND DUTY

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References	(a) DoD 7000.14-R, Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DODFMR), Volume 7A (b) OPNAVINST 3501.225C (c) NAVPERS 18068F, Manual of Navy Enlisted Manpower and Personnel Classification and Occupational Standards, Volume II (d) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations (e) MCO P1020.34G, U.S. Marine Corps Uniform Regulations
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1. Policy

a. Training for static-line, military free-fall, and high altitude low opening (HALO) premeditated personnel parachute (P3) operations is accomplished by successful completion of the prescribed course of instruction while attending

(1) U.S. Army Basic Airborne Course;

(2) U.S. Army Basic Military Free-Fall Parachutist Course; or

(3) other training certified by Chief of Naval Education and Training or approved by the Chief of Naval Operations.

b. The following personnel have essential P3 operations as a part of their military duty and must maintain qualification to receive hazardous duty incentive pay:

Navy Enlisted Classification (NECs)	Officer Designators
532X	113X
533X	118X
534X	715X
535X	717X
735X	114X
955X	119X
	748X

2. **Definitions.** The following definitions apply to this article:

a. **P3 Operation** - An intentional, planned parachuting activity during which personnel wear a single or dual-harness parachute system, having at least one approved main parachute and one approved reserve parachute.

b. **Competent Orders** - orders issued by

(1) Commandant of the Marine Corps;

(2) Commander, Naval Personnel Command (COMNAVPERCOM);

or

(3) Commanding officers (COs) or officers in charge of units whose mission does not include P3 operations, but have jump qualified personnel in their command. In this circumstance, temporary additional duty (TAD) orders may be issued for jump qualified personnel to a unit whose mission includes P3 operations to maintain qualification. These orders are for qualification purposes only, and do not entitle the member to parachute pay.

3. **Static-Line Parachute Jumper.** A static-line parachute jumper is a member of any rating or grade who meets the following requirements:

a. A volunteer for parachute jumping duty;

b. Qualified according to the medical standards set by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) at the time of designation and periodicity of physical thereafter;

c. Successfully completed formal military static-line parachutist training at Ft. Benning, Georgia or at a formal interservice training site; and

d. Assigned or attached by competent PCS or TAD orders to a military organization whose mission includes the requirement to engage in P3 operations.

4. **Free-Fall Parachute Jumper**. A member of any rating or grade who meets the following requirements:

a. Qualified as a static-line parachute jumper;

b. Qualified for unpressurized high altitude parachute jumping according to the medical standards set by BUMED at the time of designation and annually thereafter;

c. Successfully completed the prescribed program of free-fall instruction at a formal interservice training facility, including a minimum of 10 military free-fall parachute jumps, at least 2 of which must have been conducted carrying full combat equipment (1 day/1 night); and

d. Assigned or attached under competent PCS or TAD orders to a military organization whose mission includes the requirement for military free-fall parachute jumping or has the authorization to engage in P3 operations as a part of their military duty.

5. **HALO Parachute Jumper**. A member of any rating or grade who meets the following requirements:

a. Qualified as a static-line parachute jumper;

b. Successfully completed the prescribed program of HALO instruction at a formal interservice training facility, including a minimum of 16 HALO jumps; and

c. Assigned or attached under competent PCS or TAD orders to a military organization whose mission includes the requirement for HALO operations, or has the authorization to engage in P3 operations as a part of their military duty.

6. **Maintaining Qualifications**

a. To maintain qualification as a parachutist, a member must perform one or more parachute jumps during any 3 consecutive calendar months, unless prevented from doing so by one of the following:

(1) Limited duty status for medical reasons;

(2) Military operations, including operations under other than combat conditions; or

(3) Absence of jump equipment or aircraft.

b. When conditions are such that the required jumps cannot be made in every quarter, a member may maintain qualifications by performing 4 static-line, free-fall, or HALO jumps during a period of 12 consecutive calendar months; such requirements may be met any time during that period.

c. All officer and enlisted parachutists with an officer designator or Navy enlisted classification (NEC) associated with a Navy community whose mission requires static-line, free-fall, or HALO operations (e.g.; 1130/5326 SEAL, 1140/5337 EOD); should maintain qualifications when assigned to shore or neutral duties.

d. Members who are assigned duty as a parachutist by competent orders, outlined in 2b(1) or 2b(2), and maintain qualifications will receive parachutist pay, regardless of the billet to which the member is assigned.

Note: Specific requirements for incentive pay for parachute duty are found in chapter 24 of reference (a).

7. **Disqualification from Parachute Duty**

a. COs shall disqualify a member from parachute duty and remove their parachutist designator when

(1) after a medical examination, the member is found permanently physically or psychologically disqualified for parachutist duty;

(2) after a technical examination, the member lacks the minimum operational qualifications for parachutist duty as specified in reference (b); and

(3) a member is no longer a volunteer for parachutist duty to which they may be assigned by proper authority, and a statement to this effect, signed by the member, is entered in their service record.

b. A member who has been disqualified from static-line, HALO, or free-fall parachute duty for medical reasons; is eligible for return to such duty upon determination that qualifications for such duty, according to the manual of the medical standards published by BUMED, have been satisfied.

8. **CO's Responsibility.** COs shall limit a previously HALO or free-fall qualified member to static-line when, after a technical examination, a member is determined to lack the minimum operational qualification for HALO or free-fall parachute duty as specified in reference (b), but remains qualified to perform static-line parachute duty.

9. **Recording and Reporting Parachutists**

a. The assignment or removal of parachutist NEC codes shall be conducted per reference (c).

b. NAVPERS 1070/613 Administrative Remarks shall be processed per MILPERSMAN 1070-320. Specific service record and personnel accounting entries are as follows:

(1) When an enlisted member initially qualifies as a parachutist, a permanent administrative remark entry on NAVPERS 1070/613 shall be made and filed in the official military personnel file (OMPF) indicating the date of qualification, type(s) of aircraft in which qualified, unit at which the training was received, and the authority granting the right to wear the basic parachute insignia. The parachutist designator shall be affixed to their rate in the following manner: PR2(PJ). An entry to this effect shall be entered on the personnel diary as follows: "CH designator to (PJ)";

(2) When an enlisted member is disqualified for parachutist duty, a permanent administrative remark entry on NAVPERS 1070/613 shall be made and filed in the OMPF showing the reason for disqualification. The parachutist (PJ) designator

shall be canceled and a personnel diary entry to that effect shall be made as follows: "CH PJ designator to NONE";

(3) When an enlisted member initially qualifies as a free-fall parachutist, a permanent administrative remark entry on NAVPERS 1070/613 shall be made and filed in the OMPF indicating the date of qualification, type(s) of aircraft in which qualified, and unit at which the training was received. The entry shall also indicate whether or not the member is HALO qualified. The free-fall parachutist designator shall be affixed to their rate in the following manner: PR2(FPJ). An entry to this effect shall be entered on the personnel diary as follows: "CH designator to (FPJ)";

(4) When an enlisted member is disqualified for HALO or free-fall parachutist duty, but continues to be qualified for static-line parachutist duty, a permanent administrative remark entry on NAVPERS 1070/613 shall be made and filed in the OMPF, indicating the reason for disqualification. The HALO or free-fall parachutist (FPJ) designator shall be changed to static-line parachutist (PJ) and a personnel diary entry to that effect shall be made as follows: "CH designator to (PJ)"; or

(5) When an enlisted member is disqualified for HALO or free-fall and static-line parachutist duty, a permanent administrative remark entry on NAVPERS 1070/613 shall be made and filed in the OMPF, indicating the reason for disqualification. The free-fall parachutist (FPJ) designator shall be canceled and a personnel diary entry to that effect shall be made as follows: "CH FPJ designator to NONE."

c. Appropriate entry of qualification or disqualification shall be made on special duty abstracts of the health record at the time of original physical examination and annual reexaminations thereafter. COs shall be informed of the results of all physical examinations.

10. **Basic Parachutist Insignia.** The basic parachutist insignia consists of a breast insignia as prescribed by references (d) and (e). The right to wear the basic parachutist insignia is authorized for those who meet the qualification requirements, whose right to wear such insignia has not been revoked, and who have not subsequently qualified for the Navy and Marine Corps parachutist insignia.

11. **Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia.** The Navy and Marine Corps parachutist insignia consists of a breast insignia as prescribed by references (d) and (e). The right to wear the Navy and Marine Corps parachutist insignia is authorized for those members who have previously qualified for the basic parachutist insignia; have, under competent orders, completed a minimum of five additional static-line or P3 jumps with a Navy or Marine Corps organization whose mission includes static-line or P3 jumping with verification of such jumps for enlisted members included on NAVPERS 1070/613 in the service record, and whose right to wear such insignia has not been revoked.

12. **Revocation.** In general, the provisions for revocation of naval aviator insignia shall apply as related to revocation of authority to wear the basic parachutist insignia or the Navy and Marine Corps parachutist insignia.

13. **Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers**

a. Qualifications and instructions for commissioned and warrant officers assigned parachute duty are identical to those for enlisted personnel, as outlined in this article.

b. Parachutist qualifications attained while in an enlisted status shall be carried over to the officer's service record.

14. **Other Services.** Parachutist qualification attained while in another service shall be carried over to the member's naval service record.