



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

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Major General James B. Linder, U.S. Army
Chief of Staff, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)
7701 Tampa Pt. Blvd
MacDill Air Force Base, FL 33621-5323

Dear General Linder:

"The Para-Commandos" full complement of parachute demonstration profiles has been found acceptable to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the purpose of aviation events associated with an FAA Form 7711-1, Certificate of Waiver and/or Authorization (CoW/A).

In addition to qualified active duty military, these command approved profiles must be performed only by the individuals listed on the USSOCOM Parachute Team Roster of DOD General Service (GS) demonstrators, dated June 6, 2018, as they have been found acceptable based on a license issued by the United States Parachute Association (USPA).

This acceptance will remain valid until April 30, 2022 unless suspended or rescinded earlier. FAA acceptance should not be construed as a special waiver, exemption or exception to guidelines and provisions of any aviation event CoW/A. It is expected that these maneuvers will be performed within the guidelines and provisions of the CoW/A for each aviation event.

USSOCOM has shown an equivalent level of safety to "DOD sanctioned" military parachute teams, and thus the military team members need not be listed on an application for an FAA Parachuting Authorization application, FAA Form 7711-2. The FSDO verification checks of the USSOCOM team is to check DOD CAC cards (military ID) only, to maintain security of Special Operations Command military team members (no team roster required for military members), since members are primarily DOD Military, and all equipment is DOD equipment. FAA acceptance advises FAA field personnel that the sponsor or responsible person may make the application for the team.

We will ensure the demonstration profiles and team rosters are available to our Flight Standards District Offices. This package will also be used when conducting site feasibility determinations and airspace requirements for the future demonstrations. Any changes to these documents must be submitted to this office for acceptance prior to initiation

This office is available at your convenience to answer any questions you may have concerning FAA aviation events or parachuting policies. Kevin Raymond, FAA National Aviation Event Specialist (NAES), can be reached by telephone at (847) 294-7155 or via email at kevin.raymond@faa.gov or Mike Millard, FAA Parachute Operations, can be reached by telephone at (202) 267-7906 or via email at mike.millard@faa.gov.

We appreciate the cooperation you have extended to the FAA and look forward to continue working with you and your entire team in assuring aviation safety.

Sincerely,

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