



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

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Colonel Susan E. Dudley, US Army
Chief of Staff, United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC)
2929 Desert Storm Drive
Fort Bragg, N.C. 28310

Dear Colonel Dudley:

The USASOC "Black Daggers" 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).

This acceptance will remain valid until August 31, 2024 unless suspended or rescinded earlier.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.

The Black Daggers have shown an equivalent level of safety to "DOD sanctioned" military parachute teams, and thus the team members need not be listed on an application for a FAA Parachuting Authorization application, FAA Form 7711-2. The FSDO verification checks of the Black Dagger team is to check DOD CAC cards (military ID) only, to maintain security of Special Operations Command team members (no team roster required), since all members are 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 are available to our Flight Standards 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 in the past, and look forward to continue working with you and your entire team in assuring aviation safety.

Sincerely,

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