

## MILPERSMAN 1220-030

### PARACHUTIST DESIGNATION AND DUTY

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<b>References</b>	(a) DoD Instruction 1340.09 of 26 January 2018 (b) 37 U.S.C (c) DoD 7000.14-R, Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR) (d) OPNAVINST 3501.225C (e) NAVPERS 18068F, Manual of Navy Enlisted Manpower and Personnel Classification and Occupational Standards, Volume II (f) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations (g) MCO P1020.34H, 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 Commander, 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:

<b>Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) Codes</b>	<b>Navy Officer Designator Codes</b>
OXXX	113X
MXXX	118X
772A	715X
773A	717X
790A	114X
	119X
	748X

2. **Definitions**

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, Navy Personnel Command, or

(3) Commanders of units whose mission does not include P3 operations but have jump-qualified personnel in their command. In this circumstance, temporary additional duty (TDY) 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 Service member to parachute pay.

3. **Static-Line Parachute Jumper.** A Service member of any rating or grade who meets the following requirements:

a. A volunteer for parachute jumping duty,

b. Qualified per 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, GA or at a formal inter-Service training site, and

d. Assigned or attached by competent permanent change of station (PCS) or TDY orders to a military organization whose mission includes the requirement to engage in P3 operations.

4. **Free-Fall Parachute Jumper**. A Service 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 per 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 inter-Service 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 and 1 night), and

d. Assigned or attached under competent PCS or TDY 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 his or her military duty.

5. **HALO Parachute Jumper**. A Service 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 inter-Service training facility, including a minimum of 16 HALO jumps, and

c. Assigned or attached under competent PCS or TDY 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 his or her military duty.

6. **Maintaining Qualifications**

a. Per reference (a), to qualify for parachute duty pay for a 3-month period, the Service member is required to jump at least once during the 3-month period. If a member is not able to perform at least one jump in a 3-month period due to reasons beyond the member's control, the member may jump twice during a 6-month period, including two jumps within the same month, to maintain pay eligibility for two consecutive 3-month periods. The following exceptions are waivers to the 3-month jump rule:

- (1) Non-availability of jump equipment or aircraft,
- (2) Attendance at military education or training of less than 179 days, or
- (3) Inclement weather.

b. Commanders, grade O-5 or above, may waive the jump requirement for one jump during a 12-month period. Service members must maintain their proficiency through refresher training, in-lieu of jumping, in order to retain eligibility for parachute duty pay during the waived period.

c. The appropriate commander, grade O-7 or above, may waive the minimum jump requirement when a Service member is unable to perform a jump due to combat operations or being operationally deployed. Upon returning from deployment, the member must complete airborne refresher training and jump within 3 months.

d. Service members must maintain their eligibility for parachute pay through the actual performance of a parachute jump, unless the minimum jump requirement is waived. If the member does not have a waiver and fails to meet the minimum jump requirement, the parachute duty pay will be discontinued and any overpayment or unearned portion of pay will be subject to repayment per reference (b), sections 373 and 1007, and reference (c), volume 16, chapter 3.

e. All officer and enlisted parachutists with an officer designator or NEC associated with a Navy community whose mission requires static-line, free-fall, or HALO operations (e.g., 1130/O26A SEAL, 1140/M04A EOD) should maintain qualifications when assigned to shore or neutral duties.

f. Service members who are assigned duty as a parachutist by competent orders outlined in subparagraph 2b(1) or 2b(2) above 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 reference (c), volume 7a, chapter 24.

**7. Disqualification from Parachute Duty**

a. Commanders will disqualify a Service member from parachute duty and remove his or her parachutist designator when the member:

(1) Is found permanently, physically, or psychologically disqualified for parachutist duty after a medical examination,

(2) Lacks the minimum operational qualifications for parachutist duty per reference (d) after a technical examination, and

(3) 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 his or her service record.

b. Once a Service member has been disqualified from static-line, HALO, or free-fall parachute duty for medical reasons, he or she is eligible to return to such duty upon determination that qualifications for such duty have been satisfied per the medical standards set by BUMED.

**8. Commanders' Responsibility.** Commanders will 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 per reference (d), but remains qualified to perform static-line parachute duty.

**9. Recording and Reporting Parachutists Qualification and Disqualification**

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

b. [NAVPERS 1070/613](#) Administrative Remarks must be processed in line with [MILPERSMAN 1070-320](#). Specific service record and personnel accounting entries are listed in subparagraphs 9b(1) through 9b(5) below.

(1) When an enlisted member initially qualifies as a parachutist, a permanent entry on [NAVPERS 1070/613](#) will be made 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 [NAVPERS 1070/613](#) will be filed in the official military personnel file (OMPF). The parachutist designator may be affixed to his or her rating in the following manner: PR2(PJ) and a personnel diary entry to that effect will be made as follows: "CH designator to (PJ)".

(2) When an enlisted member is disqualified for parachutist duty, a permanent entry on [NAVPERS 1070/613](#) will be made showing the reason for disqualification and filed in the OMPF. The parachutist (PJ) designator will be canceled and a personnel diary entry to that effect will be made as follows: "CH PJ designator to NONE".

(3) When an enlisted member initially qualifies as a free-fall parachutist, a permanent entry on [NAVPERS 1070/613](#) will be made indicating the date of qualification, type(s) of aircraft in which qualified, and unit at which the training was received and filed in the OMPF. The entry will also indicate whether or not the member is HALO qualified. The free-fall parachutist designator may be affixed to his or her rating in the following manner: PR2(FPJ) and a personnel diary entry to that effect will be made as follows: "CH designator to (FPJ)".

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

(5) When an enlisted member is disqualified for HALO or free-fall and static-line parachutist duty, a permanent entry on [NAVPERS 1070/613](#) will be made indicating the reason for disqualification and filed in the OMPF. The free-fall

parachutist (FPJ) designator will be canceled and a personnel diary entry to that effect will be made as follows: "CH FPJ designator to NONE."

c. Appropriate entry of qualification or disqualification will be made on special duty abstracts of the health record at the time of original physical examination and annual reexaminations thereafter. Commanders must 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 (f) and (g). The right to wear the basic parachutist insignia is authorized for those members who:

- a. Have met the qualification requirements,
- b. Have not subsequently qualified for the Navy and Marine Corps parachutist insignia, and
- c. Whose right to wear such insignia has not been revoked.

11. **Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia.** The Navy and Marine Corps parachutist insignia consists of a breast insignia as prescribed by references (f) and (g). The right to wear the Navy and Marine Corps parachutist insignia is authorized for those members who have:

- a. Previously qualified for the basic parachutist insignia,
- b. Completed a minimum of five additional static-line or P3 jumps, under competent orders with a Navy or Marine Corps organization whose mission includes static-line or P3 jumping, with verification of such jumps for enlisted members documented on [NAVPERS 1070/613](#) filed in the OMPF, and
- c. Whose right to wear such insignia has not been revoked.

12. **Revocation.** In general, the provisions for revocation of naval aviator insignia will 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 will be carried over to the officer's service record.

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