

MILITARY FREE FALL PARACHUTIST BADGE



BASIC



JUMPMASTER

I. **DESCRIPTION:** A silver colored metal badge, 1 31/32 inches (5.00 cm) in width, consisting of a dagger and arched tab superimposed over wings and a deployed 7-cell ram-air square parachute. The addition of a star and wreath are used on the jumpmaster badge.

II. **SYMBOLISM:** The dagger, a Fairbairn-Sykes knife used by the Rangers and Office of Strategic Services in World War II, symbolizes infiltration techniques used by Special Operations Forces. The arched tab symbolizes the tabs worn by Special Operations units. The wing suggests flight and airborne capabilities. The parachute is a depiction of an MT1-X, the first square parachute to be adopted by all military services as the standard military free fall canopy.

III. AWARD ELIGIBILITY:

Basic: An individual must meet one of the following criteria: Have satisfactorily completed a prescribed program of instruction in military free fall approved by the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWC&S) or have executed a military free fall combat jump.

Jumpmaster: An individual must have satisfactorily completed a prescribed military free fall jumpmaster program of instruction approved by USAJFKSWC&S.

A bronze service star is authorized to be worn on all degrees of the badge to denote a soldier's participation in a combat parachute jump. A soldier's combat parachute jump credit is tied directly to the assault landing credit decision for the unit to which the soldier is assigned or attached at the time of the assault landing. Should a unit be denied air assault credit, no air assault credit for purpose of this badge will accrue to the individual soldiers of that unit. Each soldier must physically exit the aircraft to receive combat parachute jump credit and entitlement to wear the badge with bronze service star.

IV: **DATE APPROVED:** The Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge designed by Mr. James Phillips of the Special Forces Association was approved by General Dennis J. Reimer, former Chief of Staff of the Army on 7 July 1997.

V. **SUBDUED BADGE:** Subdued badges are authorized in metal and cloth. The metal badge is black. The cloth badge is black embroidery on the universal digitized pattern base cloth.

VI. **MINIATURE BADGE:** A miniature badge, 1 inch in width is authorized.