

### **The Army Parachute Association**

The Army Parachute Association (APA) has charitable objectives which are to promote and support sports parachuting for military personnel, active and retired. Our Association welcomes civilian members and appreciates the skills and diversity that they bring to the APA.

They strive for excellence in everything they do and are committed to providing the highest level of training for all their members throughout their skydiving career.

The Army parachute Association operates at Skydive Netheravon as a not-for-profit organization continually reinvesting to improve the services and facilities for their members.

### **What can you expect on the tandem jump day?**

An exciting tandem jump day skydiving with the highly trained instructors begins with an introduction to the APA Team.

Your Tandem Parachute experience will start with all the training you require for your jump, including a 30 minute briefing with the tandem instructors on how to exit the aircraft, free fall and landing. Soon afterwards you'll be securely attached to an experienced tandem instructor with a 4-point harness system and board the aircraft.

After take-off, the aircraft will climb to 12,000 feet at which point you will prepare to exit the aircraft. During freefall you will experience speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour, falling for approximately 7,000 feet. At 5,000 feet your instructor will deploy the parachute canopy and you will then begin a 5 minute gentle descent down to a designated landing zone.

Technically the jump is called a 'Tandem Skydive'. It is a skydive because you will be freefalling through the air (without the parachute deployed) for several thousand feet; it is in tandem because you will be harnessed to a member of the APA team at all times throughout the descent.



The time of your jump will depend on weather and the number of jumpers attending, which could make it an all day event, so come prepared to spend the full day at the airfield.

Why not capture the whole event with your personalised and professionally edited DVD and stills photos to show to all your friends and family and to recapture the amazing experience over and over again. Both DVD's and still photos are £125 and can be paid by cash or cheque only on the day of the jump. Please let us know in advance if you would like this done, and we can inform the Army Parachute Association for you.

Refreshments - There is a café on site selling hot food and drinks but you are welcome to bring a picnic or light refreshments.

Spectators - spectators are welcome to experience your day with you. Please let Fiona know their names by 12 noon the day before the jump, so that she can brief the airfield, and please ask your spectators (aged 16 or over) to bring PHOTO ID with them in the form of a passport or driving licence. Under 16's are very welcome, but do not need ID.

Each jumper will also need to bring photo ID with them to gain access to the airfield.

Where is the airfield? The APA Skydive day will take place at:

Airfield Camp  
Netheravon  
Wiltshire  
SP4 9SF

The parachute centre is located between Salisbury and Marlborough just off the A345, approximately 5 miles north of the A303. Airfield Camp Netheravon is sign posted on red military road signs from the village of Netheravon. The Camp is situated on a hill above the village itself.

According to the Netheravon website, Tom Tom and other Sat Navs will direct you to the wrong place if you enter the Airfield Camp postcode. Use **SP4 9RY** instead, this will get you to the road just before the entrance to the airfield camp.

On arrival - On arriving at the Camp, tell the guard that you are doing a parachute jump in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care, and park your car as directed. You, along with all adult members of your party, will need to book in so this is where you will need your photo ID with you. Having been issued with your pass, follow the road up the hill through the middle of the Lower Camp.

At the mini roundabout turn left and follow the road over the speed bumps and through the Lower Camp gate. If this gate is closed, you will need to press the gate buzzer.

Follow the road up onto the airfield and drive to the very end of the road where you will see signs to our parking areas on the left and right. Please do not park on the grass.

Weather - Skydiving is **weather dependant!** Good visibility and broken cloud is required for all forms of skydiving, and the cloud base should be no lower than your parachute deployment altitude. The maximum ground wind speed for Tandems is 20kts. Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care will liaise with the APA the day before the jump and contact all jumpers the afternoon before to indicate whether the weather may cause a problem the following day. (In the event that weather disrupts the jump day – your jump will be rescheduled for another date.)

Safety – Airfield Camp, Netheravon is regulated by the British Parachute Association (BPA), to ensure that equipment and training is of the highest standards. All student and tandem skydivers wear a dual parachute system. This means that should the main parachute fail, there is a reserve parachute which is easily deployed. Student and tandem equipment is also fitted with a small computer called an automatic activating device (AAD) which will deploy the reserve parachute in cases of extreme emergency and this device is governed by speed and altitude.

Glasses and Contacts - Our goggles fit comfortably over your glasses, and contact lenses can be worn.

**Breathing in freefall** - On exiting the aircraft you may gasp for breath for a second but will soon find yourself breathing normally.

**How fast will I fall?** - This varies, but you can expect to be falling around 125mph during freefall.

**What should I wear?** - If it's a cold day wrap up warm but not bulky as you will be provided with a jumpsuit to wear over your clothes. On a hot day a t-shirt and trousers/shorts are ample. Trainers are recommended and must be secure on the feet. Do not wear any open toed shoes i.e. sandals.

**How is the cost of the jump paid for?** Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care will pay the jump costs (£225 per jump) for each jumper out of the sponsorship raised. Phyllis Tuckwell will only pay these jump costs on learning in advance of the day that each jumper has met their individual sponsorship level of £450.

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