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Leap Frogs, SEALs to Jump at Boston Navy Week

BOSTON (CNRMA) - The U.S. Navy parachute demonstration team, known as the Leap Frogs, is scheduled to perform at a number of venues in Boston in support of Navy Week July 2-6. The following is the Leap Frog schedule:

- **Monday, July 2 @ 10:00 a.m.**
Puopolo Park
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Boston Common
- **Tuesday, July 3 @ 10:00 a.m.**
Puopolo Park
- **Tuesday, July 3 @ 2:00 p.m.**
Boston Common
- **Wednesday, July 4 @ 12:15 p.m.**
Fan Pier
- **Friday, July 6 @ 6:45 p.m.**
Fenway Park

*Times shown are approximate and subject to change without notice.

Opportunities to meet members of the team for live or recorded interviews can be arranged between jumps or immediately following.

Background:

The team was created in the late 1960s, when Navy SEALs performed at air shows on weekends. The Department of Defense officially commissioned the Leap Frogs in 1974 with the mission of demonstrating Navy excellence throughout the United States. The Leap Frogs are based in San Diego.

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The team currently consists of Navy parachutists who are Navy SEAL (Sea, Air, Land) commandos, a parachute rigger and additional support personnel.

SEALs are the U.S. Navy's special operations force and the maritime component of U.S. Special Operations Command. SEALs are an offensive force focused on small unit operations, which allow for increased mobility and flexibility.

Leap Frog performances include canopy formations that team members create with their blue and gold parachutes. Some demonstrations also include colorful smoke, pyrotechnics, or a patriotic presentation of the American flag. All members of the Leap Frogs will be available for interviews once on the ground, via the public affairs officer.

A celebration of the nation's sea services, Boston Navy Week provides an opportunity for the citizens of Boston and New England to meet Sailors, Marines and Coastguardsmen, as well as see the latest capabilities of today's maritime services first-hand.

Boston Navy Week is one of many signature events around the country commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Star-Spangled Banner. The commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 is a salute to all Sailors and Marines who fought gallantly in that conflict, who served in all our nation's conflicts since then, and who continue defending freedom around the world today.

Since winning our independence in 1776, the United States has been a maritime nation, relying on unobstructed access and free use of the world's oceans, which are essential to our national security and prosperity. The performance of America's Sailors and Marines in the War of 1812 set the standards upon which our naval forces continue to build today.

For more information on the Leap Frogs, visit www.leapfrogs.navy.mil. For more information about NSW programs visit www.sealswcc.com. To download high-res photographs, visit www.navy.mil/local/usnpt.

For more information on Boston Navy Week, visit www.bostonnavyweek.com or search "Boston Navy Week" on Facebook.

Transportation:

Parking is very limited in event areas. We strongly encourage using public transportation, biking or walking to and from Boston Navy Week events the entire week. Visit Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) online at www.mbta.com for the best way to get around the Greater Boston area via public transportation. You will find schedules, maps and fare information, important tips for subway, commuter rail, bus and boat transportation. Special event transportation will also be available. For those wanting to view the ships from Castle Island as they enter the harbor, the MBTA will provide shuttle bus service from the JFK T stop on several days. Please check mbta.com for more details. Also, on July 4th, the public will be able to park at UMASS in South Boston (Columbia Street exit off) and there will be shuttle bus service from the parking lot to Castle Island.