



On Veterans Day, an organization dedicated to completing **bucket list** items on seniors' lists helped Fred Lake jump out of a plane.

The 88-year-old **veteran** jumped with his son and grandson, all three men in the Lake family who served in the armed forces. Fred Lake served in the Korean War, and he said he begged his son to go skydiving with him for the past seven years. He saw a story in the news about skydiving grandmothers and about an organization that offered bucket list wishes to low income seniors. Fred reached out to the organization's founder who helped him achieve it with also his son and grandson.

Despite a rainy day, the **trio** flew through the sky and landed within minutes. The trip was short to Earth; however, the memories will likely last a lifetime for this important day of remembering the armed forces.

**Difficult words:** **bucket list** (a list of the things that a person would like to do or achieve during their lifetime), **veteran** (a former member of the armed forces), **trio** (a group or set of three).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *bucket list*, *veteran* and *trio*
2. Who helped Fred Lake complete his bucket list wish to jump out of a plane?
3. When did Fred Lake get the chance to jump out of a plane?
4. Who did he jump with?
5. How did the trio feel about their experience?

**Express Your Thoughts**

1. Do you have a bucket list? How likely are you going to complete the items on your list?
2. Do you ever dream of jumping out of a plane? Would you consider this if given a chance?
3. Are there organisations in your country that help low income seniors fulfil their dreams?
4. Is there anything you would like to try just once in your life? What is it?
5. How does your country remember the people who served the army? Do you have any special celebration for veterans?