



88-year-old Fred Lake had a dream. He wanted to jump out of a plane, and for many years, he tried to **convince** his son to do it with him.

Then Fred saw a story on TV about grandmothers who jumped out of a plane and about an organization which helped them. This organization helped older people who had little money to fulfill their dreams. Fred called the **founder** of the organization, and the man agreed to help him.

Then the day came. It was a special day for Fred. Two other men from the Lake family came with him and they were all **veterans**. All three jumped together on Veterans Day, which is a special day when people in the US remembered all people who served in the military. Fred, his son, and grandson spent only a few minutes in the sky, but they said that they would never forget this day.

Difficult words: **convince** (to make somebody agree or believe), **founder** (a person who starts a company), **veteran** (a person who works in the military in the past).

Discussion Questions**Topic Talk**

1. Define the word: *convince, founder and veteran*
2. What was Fred Lake's dream?
3. What encouraged him to fulfill his dream?
4. What did he do to realize his dreams?
5. What was special about the day when the three men jumped out of a plane?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Would you like to try to jump out of a plane? Why not?
2. What is one thing you would really like to do just once in your life?
3. What is your greatest dream in life? How likely are you going to fulfill it?
4. Do you know of an organization in your country that helps older people fulfill their dreams?
5. How does your country remember the people who served the army? Do you celebrate Veterans Day in your country?