



Virtual Allied Air Forces Southern Europe

STATUTE

GENERAL RULES

1. Virtual Allied Air Forces Southern Europe, also known as "VAAFSE", is a free non-profit association of organized virtual units practicing simulated flight.
2. VAAFSE has been created with the purpose of emulating the operational flying activities of the Southern European Air Forces in the past years.
3. To achieve this goal, the software platform used is the Microsoft® "Flight Simulator 2004"© along with various other add-on, however it is no precluded the use of other future's model or software.
4. Members agree to share their experiences and those of belonging to their units, in order to create a coordinated "agency" with the aim to strengthen friendship, standardize and improve the training and skills of its virtual pilots (henceforth referred also as sim-pilots).
5. Members, also agree that the new agency, will emulate as close as reasonably possible, due to the limits of available informations, the behaviour of the existing **Allied Air Force Southern Europe**, also known as **AIRSOUTH**, that is why it is also agreed to name such "agency": **VIRTUAL ALLIED AIRFORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE**, henceforth referred also as **VAAFSE**, or **AIRSOUTH Virtual**
6. VAAFSE will not interfere with the general governance at unit level, so that each Unit will be able to maintain theirs own rules and traditions.
7. Any further belonging to VAAFSE by organized units must be evaluated, voted and approved by the Committee. Being a VAAFSE "Unit member" is free and does not constitute bind of any kind, as matter of fact VAAFSE Unit membership can be revoked or refused, at any time with a simple letter of notice.
8. Each Unit commander will be responsible to VAAFSE for his Unit's members.
9. At the same time being a VAAFSE "Unit member" implies acceptance of the rules described into this Statute.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS (VIRTUAL PILOTS)

10. It is necessary that the sim-pilots, joining the VAAFSE, are capable of emulating such operational activities as close as possible to reality. That implies a level of skill in the use of "Flight Simulator 2004", that goes above and beyond, the standards required by the average virtual groups present today in Europe.
11. Based on the above, VAAFSE is renouncing to any kind of didactic activities concerning basic simulated flight theory and practice, however VAAFSE should organize tactical courses in order to share and teach operational standards adopted by VAAFSE itself.
12. The Virtual Pilot enlisted in the VAAFSE should:
 - have a good knowledge of the simulated flight and various procedures especially the practice of simulated flight within a network
 - have a sufficient knowledge of the theory of flight, aviation phraseology and of communications, in the English language.
13. Virtual Pilots membership implies acceptance of rules described into this statute
14. Virtual pilots should be major, exceptionally a minor can be accepted provided that a tutor takes his responsibility after VAAFSE Committee approval.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND RULES (ORGANIZED UNITS)

15. In order to be member of VAAFSE an official request is to be mailed to the VAAFSE committee. The request will then be evaluated and voted.
16. "Units Member" should comply with the following requirements:
 - Units should demonstrate to be well organized, with a clear and strong leadership, an effective and demonstrable activity on military air operation field and having an internet domain which can be referred to, an own web site is highly recommended even if not compulsory.
 - Units must agree to share with others VAAFSE units experiences, models, documents and software without any claimed copyright.
 - Units must agree to share with others VAAFSE units organization costs, such as VAAFSE server maintenance and others, however the VAAFSE policy is to keep costs to the minimum and all payments being approved by the VAAFSE Committee itself.
17. Units have the right to use services that VAAFSE provides to his members:
 - Access to BVR/VAAFSE server with his services: VPN, IBnet, Team Speak as minimum
 - Access to VAAFSE download area
 - Access as registered user to VAAFSE web site and forum
18. In order to maintain VAAFSE membership, member Units need actively take part to VAAFSE activities and planned exercises. VAAFSE Committee will be responsible to set minimum standards as far as it concern participation, non compliance with the above could result with the termination of the membership.

NETWORKING AND SOCIAL RULES

19. The VAAFSE has a "*virtual home*" which resides at the web address <http://www.vaafse.org> where all members should refer to. The website will have to be free from any material related to pornography, racism, discrimination of any kind, political or social content, that would go against the specific cultural intent of the association.
20. The VAAFSE solely intent is to simulate the military flying activities, leaving on a side all institutional aspects of military authorities, renouncing to any behavior that could be misunderstood as a lack of respect towards the military institutions. That is the reason why within the VAAFSE, the use of military hierarchy, including the use of rank system will not be used nor mentioned, every member will have equal dignity and rights, although some staff key positions have the right to take decisions.
21. The simulated flying activity, is considered by the VAAFSE, as a "game" "not real" and needs to be clearly separated from real life.
22. VAAFSE will not tolerate any behaviour, by VAAFSE members, that could be interpreted as mystification such as: associating their own person with real rank, emblems, recognitions of any kind that could mystify belonging to real Armed Forces, or real military pilots. On this matter, in order to avoid any kind of misunderstanding we suggest that ranks, emblems and so on, have to be clearly marked as "virtual".
23. VAAFSE will not tolerate any behaviour that could induce to moral or physical violence, to racism, to political violence, religious, sexual, social, or that could be in favour of war. The VAAFSE is a group of persons against violence and against war if not conducted as mean of defence.

VAAFSE ORGANISATION

- **VAAFSE COMMITTEE**, composed by every Units Commanders and VAAFSE Commander, committee is responsible of:
 - Elect the Commander of AIRSOUTH Virtual (COMAIRSOUTHV)
 - Establish the annual joint exercise program
 - Deciding admission to VAAFSE of the units who so request
 - The committee meets at least once a year to decide and evaluate the program of joint exercises and to elect Virtual AIRSOUTH Commander.
 - Committee meetings other than scheduled can be requested by COMAIRSOUTHV or the majority of Committee itself.
 - The Commander of AIRSOUTH Virtual remains in command for 1 year and may be reappointed once.
 - Committee decisions are taken by majority, in the event of a tie vote COMAIRSOUTHV vote is prevalent
- The following divisions depend on **COMAIRSOUTHV**:
 - **OPERATIONS DIVISION**, responsible to plan and conduct Joint Tactical Exercises according to the program that VAAFSE committee establishes.
 - **TRAINING AND EVALUATION DIVISION** that studies, tests and publishes standardization documents and procedures. evaluates VAAFSE units, however evaluation is not compulsory but requested by units with the sole purpose to help in standardization, evaluation can be also requested by VAAFSE Committee to evaluate units that request to join VAAFSE. From this divisions depends also the TLP (Tactical Leadership Program) and his activity; "Aggressors" section depends also on this division.
 - **SOFTWARE DIVISION** responsible to standardize and mantain updated among VAAFSE members the software needed to make VAAFSE activity and mantain VAAFSE website and network server as well.

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SIGNED BY UNITS COMMANDERS OR RESPONSIBLES

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