



ROTOR WASH

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Happy Birthday to vUSAA!!!

Little did we know, that from a simple idea and our humble beginnings, we would be where we are now. On October 7, 2018, Virtual Army Aviation will be celebrating our first full year in service.

It has truly been a labor of love from the very beginning. Along with maintaining our current organization, I have been continually learning the ins and outs of website design and content management. Between PHP, SQL, HTML, I have also managed to learn the very basics of BOOTSTRAP and CSS. If you visit the site periodically, you can see subtle updates and additions as I learn more. The ultimate goal is to have a site that is both functional, but aesthetically stunning at the same time.



If you have any suggestions for making our site even better, please do not hesitate in reaching out to me. I will do whatever I can to learn as much as possible to bring your ideas to reality.

As a way to celebrate this momentous milestone, vUSAA staff is working on a Birthday Bash Fly-In. This will consist of a

1-2 hour flight between two of our major Garrisons. All are encouraged to participate, as we will also be inviting all of the other VSOA organizations to come celebrate with us.

You can anticipate ATC being active as well, as we plan to make our presence loud!!

Upcoming Events

At press-time, vUSAA aircrews are either on station or soon will be for participation in Exercise Cobra Warrior. This event is hosted by The Virtual Royal Air Force, and will include

participants from all of VATSIM's SPEC-OPS Division.

Also, plan on attending this year's Deep Freeze event. The dates for this event are yet to be determined, but again, it

is an opportunity to mingle with our VSOA partners and have a lot of fun.

Please feel free to participate in any civilian events at your leisure. Remember to Advertise!

Hurricane Florence Relief Operations

OPERATION QUICK SUMMARY

Personnel (Rally Point Evacuations): 536

Personnel Located at Pope AAF: 124

Personnel Located at Camp Lejeune: 200

Personnel Located at Cherry Point: 212

Cargo Supplies Delivered to Cherry Point:
26,200lbs

Cargo Supplies Delivered to Camp
Lejeune: 2,000lbs

Cargo Supplies Delivered to Wilmington:
3,900lbs

Virtual Army aircrews answered the call to serve earlier this month and deployed to the Wilmington, NC area. Flight operations included hoist rescue, refugee evacuation, cargo resupply, and reconnaissance.

We even had a flight to bring the new Incident Command Team in from a staging area and return the relieved crew back to

staging.

What was supposed to be an active hurricane season, actually ended up being rather mild. Thank you to vCOL Jones for spearheading the operation, and thank you to all of the pilots that participated!



IVAO Expansion

As many of you are aware, the vUSAA staff decided to experiment with expanding across to the IVAO network. Contrary to some misconceptions, we do not intend to cross over to IVAO. This is an expansion in an effort to recruit IVAO pilots to join us. The model would look like two different organizations operating under the same banner.

To simplify the explanation, our VATSIM pilots would be assigned to the 101st Airborne Division Combat Aviation Brigade (as you are now.) If any IVAO pilots join us, they would be assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade and operate on that network. There would be opportunities to fly with those pilots if we flew on a local JoinFS server. This

is still very much in an experimentation phase, and as of right now, we have had no pilots from that network join us.



HAATS Training

vUSAA is proud to announce the opening of the High-Altitude Aviation Training Site (HAATS) advanced flight training course. The HAATS facility is located at the Eagle County Regional Airport (KEGE) in Eagle, Colorado. The course

allows vUSAA pilots to experience the challenges of operating helicopters in a degraded, low-power environment. The course consists of classroom material and seven proficiency flights, with a final graduation exercise. The course is open to all

vUSAA qualified pilots on the UH-60, CH-47, AH-64, and UH-1 platforms. Class sizes are limited and the course requires prior authorization from the vUSAA G3.



Promotions and Awards

The following individuals have been promoted in the last quarter:

To vCW2:

Kristof Maes

Josh Provo

Chris Walls

Chris Launer

Steven Malyuk



The following individuals have been awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal for the 3Q 2018. Awards include TF Hawaii and Hurricane Florence activities:

vGEN Anderson(2)

vCOL Jones

vMG Cshaj(2)

vCW3 Gonzales(2)

vGEN Shortle

vCW2 Harrison

vCW2 Sandy

vCW3 Tomlinson

vCW3 Peterson

vCW3 Allison



Practice!!!

Practice... Practice... Practice... It's all about putting the time in and knowing what it can and can't do. Can you get out of spin when needed? Can you turn a hard landing into a soft one and save your rotor blades? Take a flight through a

busy center or airport when ATC is online. If you put the time in, it does get a lot easierAsk the questions and do the research. Stay up on the ATC and military terms. Finally, if you have ideas for training, or group

flights, feel free to contact the leadership with your ideas. Short flights are a great way to practice as a group, as well as get to know each other better. It is a pleasure knowing all of you. I look forward to flying with you again...



Unit Spotlight

This quarter, we will be spotlighting the USAPAT (United States Army Priority Air Transport) organization.

Their mission:

- Plan, coordinate, and conduct worldwide executive airlift in support of U.S. Army Senior Leaders, DOD Executives, Congressional Delegations, and Combatant Commanders.
- Serve as the proponent of C-20 and C-37 Executive Jet Aircraft.
- On order, employ all assigned aircraft in support of contingency operations within the JFHQ-NCR Joint Operational Area



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