

257th Fighter Group Operations Manual



“Talons”
Part of the 257th Air Wing
“Wildbunch”

Section 1.

1. Squadron Details

- 1.1 This Operations Manual details the squadron operations required in the squadron by all active pilots. This document explains all current forms and other manuals used by the 257th FG. It is divided by section for each category of operations present in the 257th FG. Any questions about this document can be directed to the current commanding officer of the 257th FG.
- 1.2 Pilots in the 257th FG must familiarize themselves with all manuals and forms of the 257th FG.
- 1.3 Operations manuals include; 257th FG Level 3 training guides, and the 257th FG Radio Operations guide.
- 1.4 Current forms are 257th FG Test forms located in the members area of the 257th FG website.
- 1.5 All manuals and training materials can be found in the members area of the 257th FG website.

Section 2.

2. Squadron Requirements

- 2.1 Pilots in the 257th FG will be active in the squadron. Flights must be made with other “Talons” members. If a pilot has been inactive for more than 4 weeks his/her name will be deleted from the roster of active pilots. It is understood real life takes priority of online life. If you need to be inactive for an extended period of time contact the CO or XO.
- 2.2 Level status in the squadron is just that Level status. It has no bearing on authority in the squadron. No pilot should use his Level status as a basis to give orders to people while not in the simulation.
- 2.3 Normally pilots will fly with the same level pilots. This is not to say Level 3 pilots cannot fly with Level 2 pilots. However same level pilots generally have the same interest or ability and hence will be more productive flights.
- 2.4 All Level 3 pilots will start the simulation on the ramp with a cold jet. Ramp startup, will be performed at all times unless a Level 2 pilot is present. Then the option to ramp start or to taxi start must come from the Level 2 pilot.
- 2.5 All Level 3 pilots will have the ability to perform training operations with Levels 1 or 2.
- 2.6 Full membership to the “Talons” must be accomplished with 2 recommendations from full members. Once the minimum recommendations have been received the pilot is then nominated to full membership. The nomination is then placed on the private message board in the members area of the website. If no objections are filed after 2 weeks the member will be granted full membership status.

Section 3.

3. Standardizations

- 3.1 Pilots must in the logbook of Falcon 4.0 change their pilot name to the call sign they desire to use for the “Talons”.
- 3.2 Format for this is “Call Sign” “Special Identifier” “Level Status” i.e. Chameleon CO L3.

- 3.3 Roger Wilco names must be Call Sign of pilots to identify themselves in channel.
- 3.4 ICQ names must be changed to Call Sign of pilots to identify themselves to other “Talons” members.
- 3.5 Formats for Roger Wilco and ICQ names are as follows. “Call Sign” “257th FG” “Level Status” i.e. Chameleon 257th FG L3

Section 4.

4. Required Programs

- 4.1 Required programs used by the “Talons” include. Roger Wilco, ICQ, Adobe Acrobat Reader, and Falcon 4.0/associated patches.
- 4.2 Roger Wilco download is available from the members section of the website. Currently the “Talons” use Mark 1c version. Newer versions exist but the installations have become too intrusive on personal information and will not be used.
- 4.3 ICQ is an instant message program. The “Talons” use this program to check status of other pilots if they are online or offline. The program can be downloaded and is free to use at <http://www.icq.com>
- 4.4 Adobe Acrobat Reader must be installed to read all of the documents of the 257th FG. All 257th FG documents are written and converted to PDF format. This protects the document from online tampering, and ensures all “Talons” can read all documents. Use <http://www.adobe.com/> and follow links to Adobe Reader.

Section 5.

5. Application to join.

- 5.1 You can fill out the application to join the “Talons” at <http://www.members.home.net/257th-talons/applicationform.htm> by filling out this application, it is considered you have read this operations manual and have agreed to all terms set forth.