



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Aviation Safety
Flight Standards Service

800 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20591

June 11, 2026

Brigadier General Gaudilliere
French air and Space force,
Mission Liberté 250,
Patrouille de France.

Dear Brigadier General Gaudilliere:

Based on your approval of the French Air and Space Force Demonstration Manual and the successful completion of the acceptance flight we find that these aerial demonstrations are acceptable to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) within the United States during the 2026 season.

FAA acceptance of this maneuvers package should not be construed as a special waiver, exemption, or exception to the guidelines and provisions of any air show Certificate of Waiver (CoW). It does advise FAA field personnel that each maneuver contained in the maneuvers package is acceptable to the FAA when conducted within waived airspace in accordance with the terms and provisions of a valid FAA CoW issued in accordance with FAA Order 8900.1 Volume 3, Chapter 6, Section 1. It is expected that these maneuvers will be performed in accordance with the terms and provisions of a valid FAA CoW for each aviation event, such as, but not limited to:

1. Adherence to appropriate category I show line restrictions
2. Adherence to restrictions regarding maneuvers that direct energy toward spectators
3. Adherence to appropriate minimum safe altitude restrictions, to include repositioning requirements outside the aerobatic box and within the flying display area, and specifically the 1000-foot restriction over the primary spectator area as described in your manual.
4. Appropriate participation at the daily participants safety briefings.

An FAA CoW is **not** authorized to be issued for a French Air and Space Force military flyover. All flyovers must be conducted in accordance with 14 CFR part 91. These aerial demonstrations should be coordinated with the jurisdictional FAA Flight Standards District Office and Air Traffic Control Facility and require Commander approval.

All accidents and incidents must be reported to the National Aviation Event Specialist (NAES) and provide a briefing paper within 24 hours.

We will make the applicable section of the French Air and Space Force Demonstration Manual and this LOA available to our Flight Standards Aviation Events Specialists (AES) and District Offices. This will inform FAA personnel of the maneuvers they can expect to be performed by your team. The package will also be used when conducting site feasibility determinations for future demonstrations.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office at (414) 486-2790 or via email at joseph.saunders@faa.gov

This letter of authorization (LOA) expires on December 31, 2026, or when superseded.

Sincerely,

Joseph Saunders
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