



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

September 24, 2021

Lieutenant General Mark R. Wise
Deputy Commandant for Aviation
Headquarters, Marine Corps Department of Aviation
3000 Marine Corps Pentagon
Rm 4E482
Washington, DC 20350

Dear LtGen Wise:

On September 24, 2021 the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) conducted an observation of a Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) demonstration at Cherry Point, NC. Based on our observation we find the U.S. Marine Corps' Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) used to plan and execute a MAGTF demonstration acceptable to the FAA.

FAA acceptance of the U.S. Marine Corps' SOP's should not be construed as a special waiver, exemption or exception to the guidelines and provisions of any air show Certificate of Waiver, FAA Form 7711-1 (CoW). FAA acceptance is confirmation that the U.S. Marine Corps SOP's provide the equivalent level of safety necessary to comply with the terms and provisions of a valid FAA CoW (issued in accordance with FAA Order 8900.1 Volume 3, Chapter 6, Section 1). Additionally, the MAGTF Mission Commander must ensure the following:

1. Adherence to appropriate 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 1,000 foot restriction over the primary spectator area.
4. Appropriate U.S. Marine Corps participation at the daily participant's safety briefings.
5. MAGTF Demonstration request is submitted (with FAA Form 7711-2) to the jurisdictional FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) no later than 90 days before the date of the event.
6. Command approval of the MAGTF demonstration is provided to the jurisdictional

FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) no later than 30 days before the date of the event.

7. A written MAGTF Concept of Operations brief is provided to the jurisdictional FSDO no later than 30 days prior to the date of the event.
8. A list of the MAGTF demonstration pilots authorized to perform aerobatics shall be provided to the jurisdictional FSDO no later than 7 days prior to the date of event.
9. All MAGTF demonstration pilots must be current and qualified in accordance with Squadron Training and Readiness requirements.
10. Aerobatic maneuvers are limited to the “pop up” and “tipping in” maneuvers only. All other aerobatic maneuvers are not authorized.

Any additional demonstration requests must be coordinated with the National Aviation Events Specialist (NAES) at least 120 days prior to the date of the event.

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

This office is available to answer any questions you may have concerning FAA aviation event policies. Kevin Raymond, Acting Manager, General Aviation Operations Section, AFS-830 can be reached by telephone at (224) 218-0319 or via email at kevin.raymond@faa.gov.


This letter of authorization (LOA) expires in December 31, 2022 or when superseded.

Sincerely,

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