

GDPR PRIVACY POLICY

Virtual United States Air Force (vUSAF)

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1. Purpose of This Policy

Virtual United States Air Force (vUSAF) is committed to protecting the privacy, security, and integrity of member information. This Privacy Policy explains how personal data is collected, processed, stored, and protected in accordance with the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), applicable United States privacy laws, and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

2. Organization Information

Organization Name: Virtual United States Air Force (vUSAF)

Website: <https://www.vusaf.us>

Primary Contact Email: wfriedman@vusaf.us

3. Eligibility and Age Requirements

Membership in vUSAF is restricted to individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years of age. vUSAF does not knowingly collect personal data from children under the age of 18.

4. Personal Data We Collect

vUSAF may collect and process the following categories of personal information:

- First name and last name
- Date of birth
- Country and city of residence
- VATSIM identification number
- Email address
- Securely encrypted authentication credentials
- Flight hours and training records
- Operational participation records

- IP addresses and browser information

5. Consent to Data Collection and Processing

By applying for membership, registering on the vUSAF website, submitting flight reports, participating in training, or otherwise using vUSAF systems and services, each member expressly consents to the collection, storage, processing, and use of their personal data pursuant to this GDPR Privacy Policy.

6. Legal Basis for Processing

vUSAF processes personal data under lawful bases including consent, legitimate organizational interest, and contractual necessity for operational administration and member participation.

7. How We Use Personal Information

Personal information may be used for account management, training tracking, event coordination, operational readiness, communications, awards, certifications, and organizational administration. vUSAF does not sell personal information to third parties.

8. Cookies and Website Technologies

vUSAF uses cookies and similar technologies to maintain login sessions, improve website functionality, analyze usage, and enhance user experience.

9. Third-Party Services

vUSAF may utilize trusted third-party services including VATSIM systems, Discord, hosting providers, email systems, analytics systems, and operational software platforms necessary for organizational operations.

10. International Data Transfers

vUSAF operates primarily from the United States and may process or store information internationally where necessary for operational purposes.

11. Data Retention

vUSAF retains personal information only as long as reasonably necessary for operational, legal, training, or historical recordkeeping purposes.

12. Data Security

vUSAF implements reasonable safeguards including HTTPS/SSL encryption, password hashing, access controls, restricted administrative access, and periodic security reviews.

13. Member Rights Under GDPR

Members subject to GDPR protections may request access, correction, deletion, restriction of processing, withdrawal of consent, or export of retained personal data by contacting wfriedman@vusaf.us.

14. Organizational Communications

vUSAF may send operational announcements, event notifications, training updates, administrative notices, and policy changes as part of normal organizational operations.

15. Policy Changes

vUSAF reserves the right to update this Privacy Policy at any time. Material changes may be communicated through email, Discord announcements, website notices, or forum postings.

16. Contact Information

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17. Acceptance of Policy

By registering for membership, accessing vUSAF systems, or participating in vUSAF operations, members acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to this GDPR Privacy Policy.