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Proposed Volk Field Special Activity Airspace military operations area modification

WHAT: The Volk Field Special Activity Airspace (VFSAA) modification proposal would extend the current military operations area further north in Portage, Wood, Clark and Eau Claire counties. The proposal also pushes the military operations area north and east in Waupaca County and east across the Waushara and Green Lake County lines into Winnebago, Fond du Lac and Dodge counties. A small portion of the military operations area will extend into the southwest corner of Marathon County. In the southern portion of the military operations area, the VFSAA will extend further south in Juneau and Monroe counties.

Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) has worked closely with other local and federal aviation entities to develop a redesign of the airspace that accommodates the needs of military, commercial and civilian aviation.

WHEN: A 45-day public comment period on the proposal begins Jan. 15 2016.

WHY: The military has used the Volk airspace for 60 years, and over that span, military aircraft have changed and advanced technologically. As a result, so too has the military’s airspace needs for airspace where pilots can conduct realistic mission-oriented training. This training prepares them to counter the 21st Century threats our nation faces.

The proposed modification and expansion of the airspace would better accommodate today’s more technologically advanced aircraft and allow fighters, bombers and tactical airlift aircrews and aircraft to realistically train against emerging threats.

Without modification, VFSAA would remain inadequate for current generation aircraft and tactics and would restrict support for military aircraft, tactics and techniques. Existing and emerging units will be forced to deploy to more costly, limited access airspace venues elsewhere to fulfill training requirements

WHO: Units from across the region rely on the VFSAA to conduct critical training for their respective combat missions including:

-115th Fighter Wing, Madison Wisconsin (F-16s); Daily use

-148th Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minnesota (F-16 Block 50s); VFSAA is closest training area to Duluth with “suppression of enemy air defense” training capabilities.

-114th Fighter Wing, Sioux Falls, South Dakota (F-16s); Air-to-ground combat training and weather back-up.

*Volk Field CRTC also hosts multiple annual large force exercises in which units and aircrews from around the country and across multiple services participate.

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