



Virginia Aviation & Aerospace Caucus (VGAAC)

Thursday, January 23, 2025

8:00-9:00 AM

Senate Room 3

Caucus Agenda: Jan 23

Agenda Item	Speaker	Time
Call to Order and Introduction	Senator DeSteph, Delegate Delaney Aviation Caucus CO	8:00 - 8:05
	Nick Sabo, President, Virginia Airport Operators Council	8:05 - 8:20
	David Frash, State & Local Gov, External Affairs Director, NetJets**	8:20 - 8:35
	David Dober, ATAC**	8:35 - 8:40
Review of Aviation Legislation and Budget Amendments	Bud Oakey, President, Virginia Aviation Business Association	8:45 - 8:55
Round Table Discussion with General Assembly Members		8:55 - 9:00
Adjourn		9:00
**Virtual		9:00



Roll Call

Welcome and Introduction of Members Present

Senator DeSteph, Delegate Delaney Aviation Caucus CO

Virginia Airport Operators Council

AVIATION CAUCUS BRIEFING 1/23/25

Nick Sabo, AAE
VAOC President

About VAOC

- **Mission:** *Serve as a forum for the common interests of owners, operators, and users of the public-use airports located throughout Virginia*
- **Membership**
- **Actions in Support**

Bottom Line: VAOC is an asset to the DOAV and General Assembly

2025 GA Legislation

- **HB1729/SB942: Sales and use tax exemption; aircraft components**
 - **Endorse the findings of the VABA study**
 - **Points of emphasis from VAOC:**
 - **Business climate**
 - **Workforce development**

2025 GA Legislation

- **HB1706/SB1210: Virginia Residential Property Disclosure Act**
 - Mutual best interest of airport & community
 - DOAV website resource for airport noise maps
 - Promotes compatible land use near airports
 - Signpost for citizens to make informed buying decision
 - Best practice

2025 GA Legislation

- **HB1967/SB1467: Commonwealth Aviation Fund**
 - **Alignment with VA Air Transportation System Plan airport categories**
 - **Dedicated funds create balance and reliability**
 - **Mitigates project delays**
 - **Reduces costs and risk for airports**
 - **Future funding increases can translate to immediate impact**

2025 GA Legislation

- **HB2022/SB948: Registration of aircraft; fees**
 - **Nominal increases to aircraft registration fees**

2025 GA Legislation

- **HB2703: Aircraft Sales and Use Tax; credit for tax paid on aircraft purchased from a broker for noncommercial use, purchased by him in another state, or assembled by him from component parts on which Virginia retail sales or use tax was paid**
 - **2%**
 - **Importance of sound Fiscal Impact Statement**
 - **Effect on aircraft sales market & buying habits**
 - **Aviation Special Fund (ASF) impact**

2025 GA Legislation

- **HB2703: Aircraft Sales and Use Tax**
 - **Aviation Special Fund**
 - **Facilities and Equipment (F&E)**
 - **Maintenance**
 - **Promotion**
 - **Navigation Aids (NAVAIDs)**
 - **Air Service Development**
 - **Security Programs**

Final Thoughts

- **VAOC Legislative Day**
 - January 30, 2025
- **Economic Impact Study**
- **51st VA Annual Aviation Conference**
 - August 13-15, 2025
 - Roanoke, VA

Thank you for supporting VA airports!

AIRBORNE TACTICAL ADVANTAGE COMPANY

Virginia Aviation & Aerospace Caucus



- Headquartered in Newport News, VA
- Started in 1996 / USAF veteran
- Footprint
 - >50 employees
 - Annual payroll > \$6M
 - 85-90% veterans
 - Sorties
 - ~10,000 Annually
 - ~2,200 East Coast supported by PHF team
 - ~1,700 Takeoffs/landings PHF



- 29+ YEARS of Proven Worldwide Operations
- **85,000+ Support Hours Flown**
- 50+ Former Military Fighter Pilots
- Former Military Maintenance Cadre
- 100+ Tactical Aircraft
 - Six F-21 Kfirs
 - Twenty-one MK-58 Hawker Hunters
 - Four L-39 Albatros
 - Seventy-eight Mirage F1



- **Combat Readiness**
 - Increased student throughput
 - Improved training
 - Realistic scenarios
 - Dedicated “Blue Air”
- **Logistically Smart**
 - Cost effective relative to organic
 - Preserves airframe life
 - Flexibility in training





- Hawker Hunter
 - 9 in Newport News
 - Leased Hunter Aviation Int'l
 - Maintenance on site



- F21 Kfir
 - 4 in Newport News
 - ATAC owns 6
 - Heavy maintenance

- Retail sales and use tax exemption – parts/engines/supplies
 - SB942/HB1729 – Eliminates sunset
 - HB1969 – Extends sunset one year

- Maintenance activities in Newport News
 - Local maintenance vendor support >\$1M
 - Flight hours increased 19% since 2019

- ATAC future plans

- Importance of exemption





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Wednesday, January 29
5:30-8PM
Main Street Station
Richmond, Virginia





Adjournment

9:00 AM