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Military Al Works Mountain Home AFB Package



Version: 2 For FS 2004 / FS9 Project Manager: Desmond Burrell

This freeware AI package, produced by <u>Military AI Works</u>, contains everything needed to activate Mountain Home Air Force Base in FS2004. Mountain Home AFB is located in the U.S.

state of Idaho and hosts the 366th Fighter Wing which currently has two squadrons of F-15E Strike Eagles assigned. This package is a full update of our previous version of Mountain Home AFB and replaces the older F-15E AI models with Kevin Reed's brand new F-15 Strike Eagle models.

NOTES: This is a complete stand-alone package and the previous versions of our older Mountain Home package should be removed. This updated version features new Al models, updated AFCAD, new custom scenery and completely new flightplans for the all Al aircraft.

This package only depicts the two USAF units based at Mountain Home AFB, to get the F-15SG which is flown by the 428th Fighter Squadron of the Royal Singapore Air Force, download and install the MAIW 428th FS package.

This package contains the most up-to-date version of the Mountain Home AFB scenery by Matt Downs and John Stinstrom, if you install the <u>MAIW 428th FS package</u>, AFTER installing the Mountain Home AFB v2 package be sure to use the most updated version which is in this package.

A special credit and thank you goes to the editor-in-chief Szabolcs "Sabc" Serfle of the website "F-15E,info". Almost all of the loadout models included in this package were directly as a result of information gained from his website. In your free time, be sure to check out his website for more info on the F-15E Strike Eagle.

Lastly, two versions of the paints for the F-15E's are included in this package. The default set (DXT) which is installed automatically and also an optional set of 32bit paints. These can be found in the "Military AI Works/USA/USAF/Mountain Home AFB v2/Optional Files folder" if you would like to use those instead.



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1. About MAIW

Military AI Works (MAIW) is a loosely affiliated, international group of flightsim enthusiasts who share the common goal of seeing realistic military AI traffic in MS Flightsim. Our goals:

- 1) Produce only high-quality, freeware packages and products
- 2) Create military AI traffic accurately within the bounds of MS Flightsim
- 3) Promote new freeware military Al models, scenery and products
- 4) Advance military AI modeling of countries around the globe
- 5) Respect the rights of designers and contributors

To learn more about MAIW or to become a contributor, visit our website at http://www.militaryaiworks.com.

2. Credits

AFD's:

- John Stinstrom
- Matt Donica

Models:

Kevin Reed

Flight Dynamics Design:

Michael MacIntyre

Effects:

- John Stinstrom
- Steve Holland
- Edith Black
- Nick Needham
- Michael MacIntyre
- Henry Tomkiewicz

Repaints:

Aaron Haase

Voicepacks:

- Stewart Pearson
- Desmond Burrell
- Edith Black

Flightplans:

• Desmond Burrell

Custom Scenery:

- Matt DonicaJohn Stinstrom

3. Units Included in this Package



389th Fighter Squadron/336th Fighter Wing



Callsigns: Tbolt, Gunfighter F-15E Strike Eagle

391st Fighter Squadron/366th Fighter Wing



Callsigns: Tiger, Bengl F-15E Strike Eagle

4. Installation

Step 1) Install this package

1a) Install the package in accordance with the on-screen prompts

Step 2) Remove duplicate AFD files

Open your "Flight Simulator 9/Addon Scenery/scenery" folder and remove any <u>previously</u> installed AFD's for the following airports (e.g. "AF2_XXXX.bgl," "AF2_XXXX_DEFAULT_XX.bgl" or "PAI_AF2_XXXX_DEFAULT.bgl") NOTE: LEAVE ALL AFDS BEGINNING WITH "MAIW" as they were installed with step 1:

KMUO

NOTE: Failure to remove these duplicate files may result in problems with AI aircraft parking and operation. It is recommended you move these to a temporary folder instead of deleting them; however, you should not need them again as the AFDs included in this package are thoroughly researched and highly detailed. If you are using add-on scenery for one of the above airfields, it is recommended you do NOT remove the AFD for the add-on scenery, but instead remove the MAIW AFD file (e.g. MAIW_XXXX_DEFAULT.bgl) after installation.

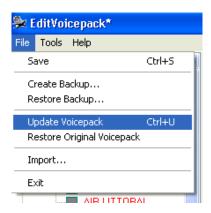
Step 3) Install callsign voicepacks

- **3a)** If you don't have the EditVoicepack 3.1 freeware installed, download it and install it by <u>clicking here</u>.
- **3b)** Run EditVoicepack and import all vcpmod files included in with this installation
- 3c) Choose "Import" from the "File" menu

- **3d)** Find the folder "Flight Simulator 9/Military AI Works/USA/USAF/Mountain Home v2/Voicepack Callsigns
- 3e) Click "open" for each file

1MUO, 1YOD, 2MUO, 3MUO, 4MUO, 5MUO, 6LSV, BENGL, GUNFIGHTER, TBOLT, TIGER

3f) Update the Voicepack for FS9 by choosing "Update Voicepack" from the "File" menu-ensure the "Custom/Callsigns" box is checked in the left hand window. (note: the update may take a few minutes—do not attempt to start FS9 until the update is complete. Look for "Ready" in the lower left corner)



3g) When ready press save to keep the modifications

Step 4) Activate MAIW Scenery

Included in this package is the excellent freeware scenery for Mountain Home AFB. This scenery will be automatically placed into the correct directory for installation when you install this package.

- 1) The folders "MAIW Mountain Home AFB (KMUO)", "MAIW Scenery Library Objects" and "MAIW Land Class" have already been installed into the "Addon Scenery" folder of your FS directory. In order to activate this scenery you must start FS9, go to Settings and find the Scenery Library.
- 2) Click on "ADD AREA" and navigate to the "MAIW Mountain Home AFB (KMUO)", "MAIW Scenery Library Objects" and "MAIW Land Class" folders which should be, by default after installation, located in "Flight Simulator 9\Addon Scenery". ***Note it is important that you place the "MAIW Land Class" folder and "MAIW Scenery Library Objects" folder as far down your addon scenery list as possible by using the Move Down button. Ideally they should be lower than any other scenery you may have added and just above the default FS9 scenery libraries. The "MAIW Land Class" folder should be below the "MAIW Scenery Library Objects" folder. This will assure that you do not have any missing scenery or land class.
- 3) Shut down FS and then when you restart the scenery will be installed and ready to use.

That's it! You've successfully installed this package. Your Al traffic files will be automatically updated the next time you run FS9

5. Troubleshooting

Problems addressed:

"I've installed the package, but there are no Military Al aircraft at the airports"

"When I go to an airport, there are AI planes parked on top of one another"

"I can't find the aircraft in the aircraft selection menu"

"When the Military AI planes talk to ATC, they use only numbers, not callsigns"

"I'm following the Military AI aircraft, and they won't come back for touch-and-gos"

Problem: "I've installed the package, but there are no Military Al aircraft at the airports"

Potential issue: FS9 Al traffic density set too low

Fix action: In FS9, set the Al traffic density slider to at least 30%

Problem: "When I go to an airport, there are Al planes parked on top of one another"

Potential issue: Multiple AFDs active for the same airport

<u>Fix action</u>: Using Windows Explorer, open the folder "Flight Simulator 9/Addon scenery/scenery." Look for duplicate entries for the following airport identifier:

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Files may be named in several ways. The most common are "AF2_KXXX.bgl," "AF2_KXXX_DEFAULT_XX.bgl" and "PAI_AF2_DEFAULT.bgl." Keep the file names starting with MAIW and remove all others with duplicate airport identifiers.

Problem: "I can't find the aircraft in the aircraft selection menu"

<u>Issue</u>: These are Al aircraft and have been programmed to not show up in the flyable aircraft selection menu

<u>Fix action</u>: If you simply must select these aircraft, use an editing program such as AirEd and change the Aircraft type from "2" to "0"

Problem: "When the Military Al planes talk to ATC, they use only numbers, not callsigns"

Potential issue: Callsign Voicepacks were not installed correctly

<u>Fix action</u>: Run the EditVoicepack software. Look for the following callsigns in the "custom modifications/callsigns" section of the program:

BENGL GUNFIGHTER TBOLT TIGER If any of these are missing, choose "File/import" and open the appropriate .vcpmod file in the folder:-

"Flight Simulator 9/Military AI Works/USA/USAF/Mountain Home AFB v2/Voicepack Callsigns"

Once this is complete, or if all callsigns are present, ensure the "Custom/Callsigns" box is checked in the left hand window and choose "File/Update Voicepack" to install them into FS9 (this may take a few minutes, do not open FS9 until the lower left of the EditVoicepack screen says "Ready.")

Problem: "I'm following the Military Al aircraft, and they won't come back for touch-and-gos"

Potential issue: You're following your Al aircraft

<u>Fix action</u>: Stop following your Al aircraft. For some reason, a watched Al aircraft does not always behave the way it is programmed to. If you wait for the aircraft at the airport, it will arrive on schedule

6. Notes and Resources

This package was built by the <u>Military Al Works</u> online community. If you are interested in making Military Al traffic more realistic, visit this site!

Flight plans:

The Flight plans are fictional, but have been researched via Internet and message forums. We have tried to make the plans as "realistic" as possible and have had to use our own judgment. Aircraft in this package fly to bases that may need you to download a separate AFD for the aircraft to show up there, AFDs may be found at Avsim.com, Flightsim.com and the Project AI Afcad site

Flight plans were installed using Lee Swordy's <u>TrafficTools</u> freeware traffic compiler.

Callsigns:

The callsigns used in this package are actual callsigns used by these units, based on information obtained in manuals and on the internet.

All callsigns were created using the ingenious <u>EditVoicepack</u> freeware. This program is extremely simple and fun to use—if you need a new Al callsign, give it a try!

AFDs:

All AF2 files were created using Lee Swordy's AFCAD v2.21.

All ADE9 files were created using <u>Airport Design Editor 9</u>. Note please only open ADE9 formatted AFD with Airport Design Editor, opening the ADE9 formatted AFD with any other AFD program will lose important and needed data.

7. Permissions and Disclaimers

Adverse Effects:

The contents of this package should not adversely affect your FS9 or computer operation if installed according to the instructions. The authors make no guarantee and bear no responsibility for adverse operation or lost/overwritten files on your computer.

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Any questions, suggestions and feedback on the contents may be directed to the forums at www.militaryaiworks.com.

Sources:

All information used to create this package was obtained via online, open-source research. All flight plans and schedules, while reasonable for military units, are fictional.

Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

Hello Jackie