

ARTICLES OF POTOMAC – RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Updated and adopted from 'Articles of War,' her Majesty's British Navy, 1755)

1. **SHALL COMPLY** All Pilots, Passengers, aircraft owners, or otherwise, shall cause the public worship of *Regulatory Compliance*, according to the liturgy of all branches of the Federal Government, established by law, *or otherwise*, to be solemnly, orderly and reverently performed, be they of the United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, or any other Authority so claiming, having Authority, or having no Authority, regardless, shall be performed diligently; and each day be observed according to law, or otherwise, or whim, as each may so be inclined at any given moment.
2. **DEMEANOR** All Pilots, Passengers, aircraft owners, or otherwise, being guilty of profane oaths, cursings, execrations, drunkenness, uncleanness, or other scandalous actions, in derogation of honor, and corruption of good manners, shall incur such punishment as a court martial shall think fit to impose.
3. **CONFIDENTIALITY** If any Pilot, Passenger of Potomac, shall give, hold, or entertain intelligence to or with any enemy or rebel, every such person so offending being convicted by the sentence of a court martial *shall be punished with death*.
4. **INTELLIGENCE** If any letter or message from any enemy or rebel be conveyed to any Pilot of Potomac, and said or other as aforesaid, shall not, within twelve hours, having opportunity so to do, acquaint Potomac shall not in convenient time reveal the same to Potomac, every such person so offending, *shall be punished with death*.
5. **SPIES AND SEDUCTION** All spies, and all persons whatsoever who shall come, or be found, in the nature of spies, to bring or deliver any seducing letters or messages from any enemy or rebel, or endeavor to corrupt any Pilot of Potomac to betray his trust, *shall be punished with death*.
6. **GIFTS TO ENEMY** No Pilot of Potomac shall receive an enemy or rebel with money, victuals, powder, shot, arms, ammunition, or any other supplies whatsoever, directly or indirectly, *upon pain of death*.
7. **TREASURE** No Pilot of Potomac shall take out of any aircraft seized for prize, any money, plate, or goods, unless it shall be necessary for the better securing thereof, or for the necessary use and service of Potomac's own aircraft, ships, or vessels of war, before same be adjudged lawful prize. The full and entire account, without embezzlement, shall be brought in, and judgment, upon pain that every person offending herein *shall forfeit and lose his share of the capture*.
8. **TREATMENT OF PRISONERS** Upon any aircraft taken as prize, none of the persons on board her shall be stripped of their clothes, or in any sort pillaged, beaten, or evil-intreated, *upon the pain that the person or persons so offending, shall be liable to such punishment as a court martial shall think fit to inflict*.
9. **SHALL BE BOLD** Every Pilot of Potomac, who, upon signal or order of fight, or sight of any ship or ships, or aircraft, or ground targets, or other evil doers as Potomac may affirm, which it may be his duty to engage, or who, upon likelihood of engagement, who fails to make necessary preparations for fight, or fails to encourage his inferiors to fight courageously, *shall suffer death*. If any Pilot of Potomac shall treacherously or cowardly yield or cry for quarter, every Pilot so offending *shall suffer death*.

10. **SHALL FOLLOW ORDERS** Every Pilot of Potomac who shall not duly observe the orders of Potomac for joining battle with, or defense against for any Potomac squadron, or aircraft, or fails to obey orders of Potomac as aforesaid in the time of action to the best of his power, or shall not use all possible endeavours to put the same effectually into execution, every person so offending, and being convicted thereof, *shall suffer death*.
11. **SHALL ENGAGE ALL ENEMIES** Every Pilot of Potomac, who through cowardice, negligence, or disaffection, shall in time of action withdraw or keep back, or not come into the fight or engagement, or shall not do his utmost to take or destroy every Evil Doer as Potomac may affirm, which it shall be his duty to engage, and to assist and relieve all and every of Potomac Pilots', aircraft, or those of its allies, which it shall be his duty to assist and relieve, every such person so offending, *shall suffer death*.
12. **SHALL PURSUE** Every Pilot of Potomac who through cowardice, negligence, or disaffection, shall forbear to pursue the chase of any enemy, pirate or rebel, beaten or flying; or shall not relieve or assist a known friend in view to the utmost of his power; *shall suffer death*.
13. **COMPLAINTS** If when action, or any service shall be commanded, any Pilot of Potomac shall presume or to delay or discourage the said action or service, upon pretence of arrears of wages, disputes on tie down, fuel, hangar charges, or upon any pretence whatsoever, every person so offending *shall suffer death*.
14. **DESERTION** Every Pilot of Potomac, who shall desert or entice others so to do, *shall suffer death*. If any Pilot of Potomac shall receive or entertain a deserter from any other of Potomac's ships or vessels, or aircraft, after discovering him to be such deserter, and shall not with all convenient speed give notice to Potomac, every person so offending, *shall be cashiered*.
15. **CONVOY** Pilots of aircraft appointed for convoy guard of others shall diligently attend upon that charge, without delay, according to their instructions in that behalf; and whosoever shall not faithfully perform their duty and defend the aircraft and goods in their convoy, refusing or neglecting to fight in their defence, or running away cowardly, and submitting the aircraft in their convoy to peril and hazard; or demanding money or other reward from vessels entrusted to their care, or shall misuse the Pilots or Passengers; *shall be condemned to make reparation* of the damage to the aggrieved, and also be *punished criminally* according to the quality of their offences, *be it by pains of death*, or other punishment, as shall be adjudged fit by the court martial.
16. **ILLICIT CARGO** If any Pilot of Potomac's aircraft or vessel shall receive on board, or permit to be received on board any goods or merchandises whatsoever, other than for the sole use of the ship or vessel, *except gold, silver, or jewels*, every person so offending, *shall be cashiered*, and be forever afterwards rendered *incapable to serve* in any place or office at Potomac, or his heirs and successors.
17. **MUTINY OR SEDITION** If any Pilot of Potomac shall make or endeavor to make any mutinous assembly upon any pretence whatsoever, every person offending herein, *shall suffer death*. If any Pilot of Potomac shall utter any words of sedition or mutiny, he *shall suffer death*. If any Pilot belonging to Potomac shall behave with contempt to superiors, he *shall be punished* according to the nature of his offence by the judgment of a court martial.
18. **CONSPIRACY** If any Pilot of Potomac shall conceal any traitorous or mutinous practice or design, *he shall suffer death*. If any Pilot of Potomac shall conceal any traitorous or mutinous words spoken by any, to the prejudice of Potomac, or any words, practice, or design, tending to the hindrance of

Potomac, and shall not forthwith reveal same to his commanding officer, or being present at any mutiny or sedition, shall not use his utmost endeavours to suppress the same, *may suffer death*.

19. **COMPLAINTS** If any Pilot of Potomac shall find cause of complaint of the unwholesomeness of the victual, or any other, he shall quietly make same known to Potomac, as the occasion may deserve, and Potomac, as far as is able, as it so sees fit, cause same to be presently remedied. No Pilot of Potomac upon any such or other pretence, shall attempt to stir up any disturbance, upon pain of such punishment, as *may suffer death*, or as a court martial shall think fit to inflict, according to the degree of the offence.
20. **ASSAULT WITH WEAPON** If any Pilot of Potomac shall strike another, or draw, or offer to draw, or lift any weapon against him, including bad puns, old jokes, or other egregious behavior, on any pretense whatsoever, every such person being convicted of any such offense, by the sentence of a court martial, *shall suffer death*.
21. **VERBAL ASSAULT** If any Pilot of Potomac shall quarrel or fight with any other person at Potomac, or use reproachful or provocative speeches or gestures, tending to make any quarrel or disturbance, he shall, upon being convicted thereof, *may suffer death*, or such punishment as the offence shall deserve, and a court martial shall impose.
22. **WASTE OF AMMUNITION** There shall be no wasteful expense of any powder, shot, ammunition, or other stores at Potomac, nor any embezzlement thereof, the stores and provisions shall be careful preserved, *upon pain of such punishment* to be inflicted upon the offenders, abettors, buyers and receivers, as shall be by a court martial found just in that behalf.
23. **ARSON** Any Pilot of Potomac who shall unlawfully burn or set fire to any magazine or store of powder, or aircraft, or vessel, or tackle or furniture thereunto belonging, not then appertaining to an enemy, pirate, or rebel, being convicted of any such offence, by the sentence of a court martial, *shall suffer death*.
24. **NAVIGATION** Pilots of Potomac shall take care in conducting and steering of any of Potomac's aircraft. If through willfulness, negligence, or other defaults an aircraft be stranded, run upon any rocks or sands, split or hazarded, upon pain he as shall be found guilty therein, *shall be punished by death*.
25. **BESTIALITY** If any Pilot at Potomac shall commit the unnatural and detestable sin of bestiality, he *shall be punished with death*.
26. **SCANDAL** If any Pilot or Passenger of Potomac shall be convicted before a court martial of behaving in a scandalous, infamous, cruel, oppressive, or fraudulent manner, or in an unbecoming character, he *shall be dismissed* from Potomac.
27. **ALL ELSE** Any Pilot or Passenger of Potomac, who shall take any action, defined here in, or not defined here in, be that action innocent, accidental, or intentional, or any other not mentioned in this act, for which no punishment is hereby directed to be inflicted, *shall suffer death*.

Given under my hand and the seal,



David Wartofsky,
Potomac Airfield
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