



EXERCISE FLYING RHINO 2011 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Headquarters Allied Air Command



Combined Air Operations Centre Buchenau (CAOC Buchenau)

The CAOC is one of NATO's tactical air command and control centres. Its mission is to plan, direct, task and coordinate air operations of all allocated NATO forces during peacetime, crisis and conflicts.

CAOC Buchenau is a state-of-the-art command and control centre that is well prepared to meet future challenges. The new command and control system ACCS will be introduced in the near future. With its modern and modular system architecture ACCS supports the tactical command of air operations in all phases.

Rapid access to real time data, fusing of information appropriate to the respective tasks and levels and the provision of a comprehensive common operational picture are prerequisites for network centric operations of air power assets.

In this context, a standardized ACCS training program for all CAOC personnel is of vital importance. To achieve this, a concept has been developed to provide more efficient operator training through the use of operationalized training tools in order to reduce training times and to achieve optimized training results.

Exercise Flying Rhino 2011 (EFR)

The exercise scheduled from 2nd to 6th November 2011 will be under CAOC control and it will take place in northern Italy, Croatia and over the Adriatic Sea.

NATO squadrons from European countries, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and other nations are invited to this exercise. All participants will use the existing AF-1.0.13 standard for navigation, communication and all simulation devices.

The Combined Air Operations Centre Buchenau will also setup some separate training time for the BMS-4.32x configuration.

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