

Flight for the FIGHT

Sunday, August 2 | 4-8pm ET



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Join Boston Virtual ATC staff for the Flight for the Fight on August 2 from 4-8PM ET! Participating in the event is more than just flying—for four hours on August 2, each flight plan you file supports the community of BVA and the fight against breast cancer.

Based on current statistics, many people here at BVA have been directly or indirectly affected by cancer. Because of the global impact that this disease has caused, it is important that we act now, in whatever way we can, to help prevent and, someday, cure it. Right now, one opportunity to help is by participating Flight for the Fight. By giving up only your time, you can help in the global cancer movement and change lives. Best of all, we are fighting breast cancer while doing something that we all enjoy—flying and controlling online with BVA.

Controllers will be staffing the Boston, Burlington, and Albany airports, but pilots are also encouraged to fly into the Boston ARTCC before the event. But there's more to the "FFTF" than just flying...for each flight plan filed in FlightDesk from 4-8pm ET, \$1 will be donated to the "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" foundation, a leader in the cancer movement. In addition to pilots, controllers will generate a 10¢ credit for every pilot that they talk to. **The translation: the more pilots we have, the more credits we can raise to help fight cancer. In this event where your goal is to raise credits, FLY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!**

During the Flight for the Fight, there is a real incentive for pilots to arrive at their destination on time in order to maximize the total number of flights possible. BVA controllers will perform at their usual top-notch level in order to minimize delays on the ground and in the air; however, pilots need to come organized and prepared as well.

To help get pilots in the 'Flight for the Fight' spirit, special repaints have been created for the default Boeing 737 and the payware Level-D Boeing 767. While not required, it is highly recommended that you install these repaints so that pilots who choose to fly these paint schemes will appear correctly in the game. The call signs for these aircraft have been appropriately named 'Wings of Hope' ("WOH224" = "Wings of Hope two two four") because that's what we're doing here at Boston Virtual: generating hope those who are affected by breast cancer!

For the first time in BVA's history, doing what we enjoy benefits those whose lives have been felt by the effects of cancer. Log on and fly during Flight for the Fight to do what we love here at Boston Virtual ATC. Log on and fly to help fight cancer!

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- **If all goes well, the FFTF will be BUSY!** Pack your patience, especially if you are prone to connection issues. We expect the server to be jam packed, so come prepared with your best internet connection: plug directly into your modem/router where possible, and be sure to reset your network equipment (unplug/replug the power of your router and modem) the night before the event (assuming that conforms with the conditions and recommendations of your ISP). If you do lose connection, please come back to complete the flight...the more you fly, the more we can generate for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Breast Cancer Society.
- **Should I do anything special to prepare?** Not particularly; come prepared with the charts for the preferred airports (or any others you plan to fly to), and be focused on flying. Especially when the frequencies are busy, listening and responding quickly and appropriately to controllers is extremely important.
- **Just how busy will it get? Should I sit this one out?** Even if you're not completely comfortable with flying online, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Breast Cancer Society needs your help! As long as you're listening carefully and trying your best, our controllers are happy to be as patient as possible to make sure you arrive safely at your destination.
- **Where can I get the special "Wings of Hope" repaints from?** Repaints for the Boeing 737-800 (default) and the payware Level-D 767-300 are available from our website's [Downloads page](#).
- **Which airports are involved?** Controllers will be fully staffing Boston Logan; in addition, we'll feature local control at Burlington and Albany. Pilots are encouraged to fly between the three featured airports: Burlington (KBTW), Albany (KALB), and Boston (KBOS).
- **Do I need to sign-up?** There is no special sign-up for the event; just login to the session as you normally would.
- **Do I need to fly preferred routes or to the preferred airports?** There are no requirements; you can fly wherever, whenever, and however you want. However, preferred airports and routes are encouraged to maximize congestion and to keep the frequencies jammed!

- **Should I fly faster?** No! Don't spawn in a fighter jet or break with real-world restrictions to get a few extra flights in. Just like a regular session, we'll be enforcing FAA regulations and expecting pilots to know their aircraft well. The possibility of a few extra flights isn't worth ruining the experience for other members. Similarly, we suggest flying to the preferred airports (rather than very short hops) so that all of our controllers can enjoy the event and generate their own credits.
- **Where does the money come from?** The FFTF is being entirely funded by an anonymous BVA member who is seeking to make a difference in the fight against breast cancer and allow gamers and flight simmers to give back to the global community.
- **Where does the money go?** Using FlightDesk, new flight plans will be tracked (\$1 credit each), and we'll also be counting each time a flight plan is "handed off" (the strip changes colour, worth \$0.10). At the end of the event, we'll tally the credits, and that amount, along with the top five pilots, will be posted on the main page of the website. Our sponsor will then donate that money to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Breast Cancer society.
- **How will you kick off the event?** The event will begin at 4pm ET, with a flyover of Boston by our good friends from the FSX Blue Angels! Filed flight plans at 4pm and any subsequent plans filed before 8pm will be eligible for the \$1 credit.
- **Can I make a monetary donation to support the FFTF?** Yes... you can contribute either to BVA or to the Susan G. Komen For the Cure charity; please [e-mail us](#) for more information.

Pilot Tip of the Month

Download your very own Flight Progress Card from our website!

Plan out your flight properly with our interactive "Flight Progress Card", available for download from the "Downloads" section of our website. All the information you need is contained in the User Guide that comes with the .pdf. Both the user guide and the progress card were created by Phil (Ferrari308guy).