

Charlie's Aces

An update of MK2's Aces of North Vietnam campaign
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It is recommended to read carefully this guide before doing anything.

The « Charlie's Aces » Pack is made of 5 blocks (RAR archives).
Please download the 4 other blocks before installing the Pack.

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Legal Stuff

This Pack is NOT supported by Thirdwire.

This Pack is done solely for the purpose of enjoyment by Rhugouvi.

Pack released to the SFP1/WoV/WoE community for their enjoyment with no implicit warranties.

By downloading this file you acknowledge that is provided on an "as is" basis, constructive feedback is welcome.

Each mod included in this Pack remains the property of its author. If you don't want your mod to be included into this part and that you haven't seen my announcement at Column5, CombatAce and SimHQ, please contact me, I'll remove your work as soon as possible.

It's strictly forbidden to sell the pack or any part of the package. It's also forbidden to make otherwise money with it

The reasons behind this Pack

The "Charlie's Aces" Pack is an update of MK2's « Aces of North Vietnam » campaign, with additional mods from the community. This campaign only deals with the combats of VPAF above North Vietnam.

I decided about one year ago to burn a CD with all the mods I downloaded from Check-Six, Column5 and CombatAce. Since my main install of WoV is dedicated to MK2's AOVN campaign, I wanted to compile the related mods into an all-inclusive pack that I could easily install.

After all the fun I've had with the mods from the community, it's now been time to share my modest contribution.

I want to make it clear: beside the Vietnamese speech pack done on purpose for the pack, all the mods can be found on the aforementioned sites. I've just put the mods I thought relevant together. I've chosen planes that some might find pointless, while some major SEA era aircraft could be lacking according to others. Well, it's much of a personal choice. Nevertheless, I hope that the pack is comprehensive enough, and that little must be done to tweak it into your own dream Vietnam install.

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Credits

I'd like to thank all the ones who did the mods included into the Pack, namely:

Campaign:

AOVN by MK2

Effects:

Deuces

Sky Mods:

Cellinsky sky

Polak skymods

Aircraft:

A-1H : MontyCZ and Digital Overload

BQM34 : RussoUK2002

xB-66x : Bunyap

F-105F&G : Armourdave, Lansen, Sundowner, Column5

F-111A : Team Vark (wpnssgt, Column5, Sundowner, Hackworth, USAFMLT, Chaser617, Mk2, Tiwaz, Spectre-USA, dwcace, Murphey's, 531 Ghost, Sylle), cockpit : Mike Werner

MiG-17 and MiG-19 Cockpit : SU-17 Cockpit by Armourdave

MiG-12F : Mirage Factory

MiG-21 Cockpits : Mago and Badger the Bad

RA-5C : A-5B by MontyCZ + RA-5C mod by Rhugouvi, cockpit by Kesselbrut, skins by Paul Nortness

Fubar512 ÜberAI_V2.0 and MiG-17 Flight Model

Vehicles:

ZIL by Kesselbrut

Terrain:

Brain32 SEATerrain

Deuces SEATerrain Trees

Polak SeaMod 1.1

Fubar512 effets

Vietnamien Speech Pack:

Nguyen Dang Hat + Rhugouvi

A very special thank to the C6 crew, and, last but not least, to TK for having created this sim-series.

Important :

If one of your mods is included into the Pack and if you don't find your name in the credits, please contact me so that I can correct my mistake as soon as possible.

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Content

The Pack is much too big to be zipped into one single archive (817 Mo unzipped). So I cut it into 5 blocks:

- Bloc n°1 Campagnes (21.9 Mo zipped) : Aces Of North Vietnam menus and updated campaigns
- Bloc n°2 Dialogues Vietnamien (45.7 Mo zipped) : Vietnamese speech pack with two speechtext.str files for both French and English subtitles (with Vietnamese squadron names)
- Bloc n°3 Environnement (59.9 Mo zipped) : Effects, skymods, SEAterrain and aircraft sounds
- Bloc Objets 1 et 2 (resp. 62.0 and 69.8 Mo zipped) : Aircraft, vehicles and weapons. Too big to fit into one downloadable zip. MiGs are restricted to Sweep and Interception missions, what is historically accurate.

Important :

The 5 blocks are meant to be used together. But you can use Block n°3 for other installs as well.

CAUTION :

Mission loading might be longer when using the modded speechtext.str files.

Required Configuration

The « Charlie's Aces » Pack is supposed to be installed on a dedicated install of Wings over Vietnam.

The install sequence falls into what follows:

- 0) Download the 5 blocks
- a) Install Wings over Vietnam from Third Wire CD-ROM
- b) Install the service pack WOV_SP4 available at Thirdwire website (www.thirdwire.com)
- c) Install the update WOV_p083006 at Thirdwire website
- d) Update DirectX up to 9.0c level
- e) Install « Charlie's Aces » Pack as follows

Important :

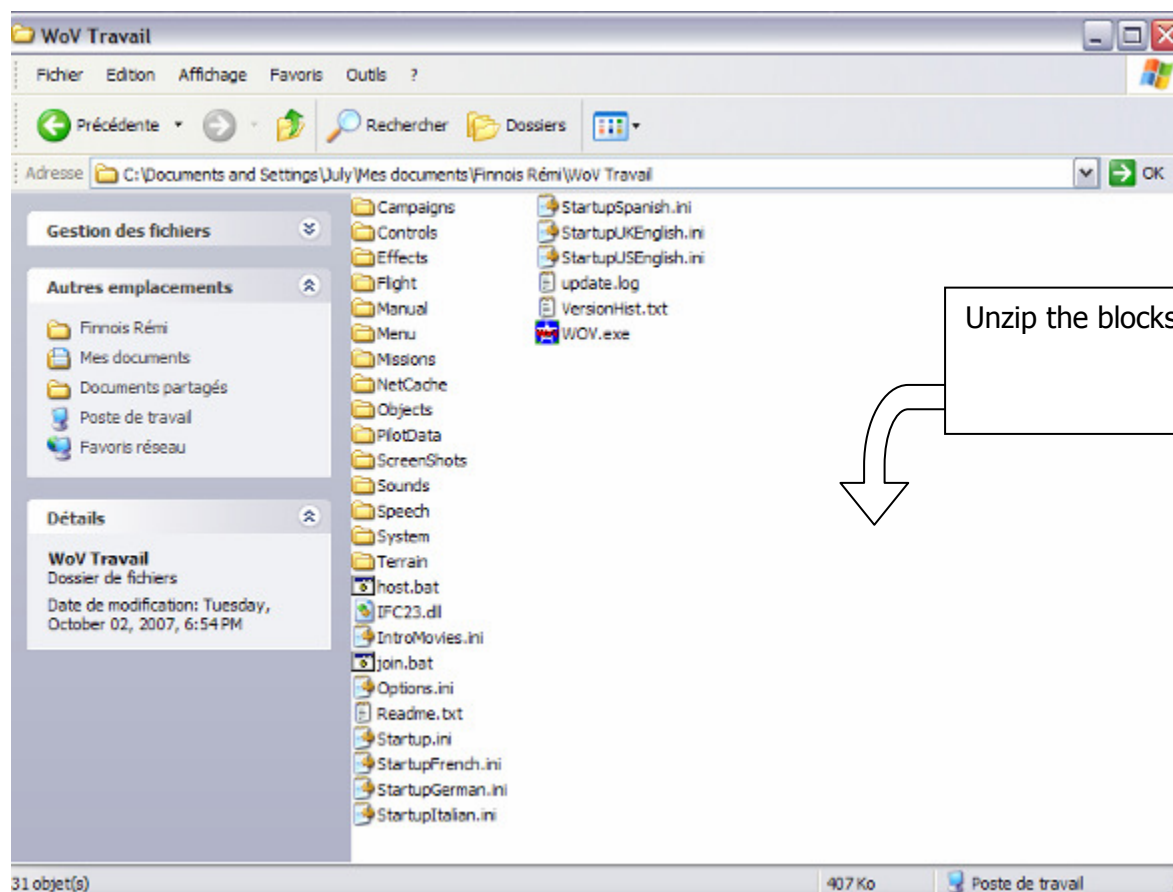
The Pack unzipped size is 820 Mo. It was tested with Windows XP Pro SP2.

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“Charlie’s Aces” Pack Installation

1) Unzip the files

- Once you have created a clean, fully patched install of WoV, unzip each block into your **main folder** of the game (the one with the WOV.exe file). Answer “Yes to all” when prompted to overwrite



- If you want to get the French subtitle, just paste the Speechtext.str file from the ...\\Speech\\Speechtext FR folder into the ...\\Speech folder
- If you want to get the English subtitle, just paste the Speechtext.str file form the ...\\Speech\\Speechtext ENG folder into the ...\\Speech folder

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2) Red Star Shortcut Icon

- Right click on your "Charlie's Aces" shortcut
- Click on "Properties", "Change icon", "Browse"
- Click on the VPAF.ico file in your dedicated install
- Validate by clicking on "Open", "OK", "Confirm" (the button on the right, don't know its name in English), "OK"

3) Update weaponsdata

- Open the Objects\Weapons\ folder
- Double click on WeaponEditor.exe
- If a window opens then disappears, right click on WeaponEditor.exe, "Properties", "Compatibility", fill in the "Run this program compatibility mode for", choose "Windows 98", validate with "Confirm" (well the button on the right) and "OK"
- Click on "Open", choose the "Weapondata.ini" file and "Open", the weaponlist loads
- Click on "Merge", choose the "AddtoWeapondata.ini" file, new weapons appear at the bottom of the list
- Click on "Save", then "Close"

4) Have fun !

Bibliography

The following "Osprey Combat Aircraft" books by István Toperczer are must-read when it comes to the Vietnamese People's Air Force during the Vietnam War:

- n°25: MiG-17 and MiG-19 Units of the Vietnam War
- n°29: MiG-21 Units of the Vietnam War



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