



VALOR FLIGHT ACADEMY OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES AT WILLOW RUN AIRPORT AND WELCOMES FIRST AIRCRAFT OF TECNAM FLEET

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Valor Flight Academy, a newly established, premium flight training organization in Southeast Michigan, has officially launched operations at Willow Run Airport (KYIP) with the introduction of its first Tecnam P2008 MkII aircraft. While Valor Flight Academy is a new name in the region, its leadership and instructional team bring over a decade of professional pilot and high-volume flight instruction experience. The academy is strategically positioned for long-term growth within the Southeast Michigan aviation market, generating strong local interest right out of the gate with over a dozen prospective students already enrolling in their professional pilot development program.

When evaluating manufacturers and long-term fleet strategies, Valor Flight Academy sought a partner that aligned with its vision for premium, airline-style training. Tecnam was selected for its strong industry reputation, modern aircraft design, and proven history in the global flight training market. With one P2008 MkII already in operation through a strategic leaseback partnership via Vector Flight Leasing, the academy is looking to acquire two additional aircraft, bringing their initial Tecnam fleet to three.

The academy uses this state-of-the-art platform as the foundation for its planned long-term fleet expansion, which envisions both single-engine and multi-engine Tecnam aircraft. The P2008 MkII,

combining a carbon-fiber fuselage with metal wings, offers an ideal blend of modern aerodynamics, advanced avionics, and rugged reliability, perfect for the rigorous demands of professional flight training.

Sadeq Ahmed, CEO of Valor Flight Academy commented: “Valor Flight Academy was built with a vision far greater than simply teaching people how to fly. Our mission is to develop disciplined, safety-focused, and highly professional aviators who are prepared to meet the standards of today’s aviation industry. From our training philosophy to the aircraft we operate, every decision we make is centered around professionalism, mentorship, and long-term student success. We are proud to partner with Tecnam as we continue building an academy designed to shape the next generation of aviation professionals.”

Walter Da Costa, Tecnam’s Chief Sales Officer stated: “We are thrilled to welcome Valor Flight Academy to the Tecnam family and to celebrate this launch at the Stratus Aero Summit. Sadeq and his team are building exactly the kind of modern, safety-focused, and highly structured training environment where our aircraft truly shine. The P2008 MkII is the perfect foundation for their ambitious growth plans, offering the advanced technology, efficiency, and premium feel that next-generation aviators demand. We look forward to supporting Valor’s continued success and their future multi-engine expansion in Southeast Michigan.”

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