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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristen Pittman

Members of the 403rd Maintenance Squadron work on a WC-130J Super Hercules aircraft in the isochronal maintenance dock at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. Required routine inspections are performed to maintain aircraft capabilities.

ISO Dock: Maintenance keeps C-130J fleet flying

By Senior Airman Kristen Pittman
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Like cars need regular maintenance such as oil changes, tire rotations and tune-ups, so do aircraft.

For the Air Force Reserve 403rd Wing's fleet of 20 C-130J Super Hercules at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, there is no quick oil change service for aircraft and it is not physically possible to maneuver one up to the service station located next to the mini market to make sure everything is up to standard.

To maintain standards and keep aircraft for the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron Hurricane Hunters and the 815th Airlift Squadron Flying Jennies mission ready, the 403rd Maintenance Group employs the use of their isochronal maintenance docks.

On the outside, the ISO docks look like a warehouse, but on the inside it looks like a construction zone or a scene from a movie, except it's a 40-ton aircraft surrounded by hardworking Airmen and instead of ropes, the aircraft is flanked on all sides by elevated platforms, lights and various tools.

The docks provide space to inspect and maintain aircraft through three phases of what Master Sgt. David Workman, 403rd MXG ISO dock supervisor, said are called letter checks.

Simply enough, the letter checks go by A, B and C, and increase

in degree of meticulousness as each one is performed, said Workman. Aircraft go through these checks in order with 270 days between each one.

A-checks are fairly superficial inspections. Lasting only five work days, Workman said these are "glorified BPOs" or basic post-flight operations inspections. Ideally, as many people as are available perform these, but the job can be done with one crew chief and one ISO technician.

The next letter check is B and this is when the crew gets more in-depth with their inspection, spending 18 days on it. Workman said in this phase they do things such as check the landing gear and there is a greater emphasis on checking the engines to search for popped indicators which alerts the Airman working on it to take action.

"The C check is the most in-depth check we do," said Workman. "We're pulling leading edge access panels, the bread baskets behind the engines come off, and all the hydraulic filters are changed."

Workman said the list goes on and on for what Letter C checks consist of; thus, these intrusive checks require the aircraft to remain in the ISO dock for 22 days.

For letter B and C checks the required manpower is more demanding. To read more, [click here](#).



Courtesy graphic

Operations security should always play a big role in how social media is used. Wing members should remain cautious when posting personal or work related information. For more information on managing social media settings, [click here](#).

Social media imposters: awareness, defense

*By Tech. Sgt. Sam King
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Clicking on your favorite social media app, you notice you've got a new friend request. The request is from you. The profile picture is of you. The name is yours. Is this a prank? Have you been hacked? What just happened?

In the current environment of social media saturation and identity theft, this type of situation has happened.

The new threat of cloned or imposter social media accounts is a current priority concern for operations security personnel.

The threat

According to Air Force Reserve Command Intelligence, open sources report that cyber actors and terrorists use multiple fake personas on social media to target Defense Department personnel.

The simple process of creating phony online social media accounts and profiles provides imposters the ability to gather information on everything from weapons systems, troop deployments and other sensitive material by reviewing postings, pic-

tures and friend requests of DoD personnel.

"Operations Security should always play a big role in how social media is used," said Erick Holloway, AFRC OPSEC program manager. "Everyone must remain cautious when posting personal and work-related information."

Imposters can use these "friendly" and seemingly harmless personas to interact with unknowing targets to subtly extract information, including the identities of friends, work locations, relatives and associates who may also be targeted.

That gathered information can target those without social media accounts, because imposters may steal personal identification attributes and set up accounts using that information and the victim's likeness.

The defense

Imposters can be clever, using different user names and spellings that are close to correct and personal or official photos.

Here are some warning signs of a scam or common identifiers associated with imposter accounts:

- The account is not registered.
- The account has very few photos.

-Photos are very new and reflect the same date range.

-The account has very few followers and comments.

-Official accounts will not send friend requests.

-The account name and photos do not match.

-There are grammatical or spelling errors.

-Key information is missing.

OPSEC officials highly recommend not accepting friend requests from individuals not personally known.

They also recommend frequently searching one's own name using a search engine. When searching, include like or close spellings since imposters often use similar spellings to remain undetected. Officials also encourage privacy settings at maximum levels on all computers, phones and tablets that contain personal data.

"It's each member's responsibility to ensure external website applications that are enabled on personal devices only have access to noncritical information," Holloway said.

For more information on social media privacy settings check out [the link](#).

403RD HEADLINES

WING HOSTS NCO, SNCO INDUCTION

The 403rd Wing held a Noncommissioned Officer and Senior Noncommissioned Officer induction ceremony in the Roberts Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility Auditorium here Feb. 10.

The ceremony recognized those transitioning from the Airman to the NCO tier, senior airman to staff sergeant, and from NCO to the senior NCO tier, technical sergeant to master sergeant.

Before the NCO and SNCO's charges were read to the inductees, they heard from Col. Jennie R. Johnson, 403rd Wing commander.

"Every promotion is a milestone," said Johnson to the roughly 100 staff and master sergeants in attendance, "but becoming an NCO and senior NCO is an important one. You are the backbone of what we do."

To read more, [click here](#).



WING PARTNERS WITH LOCAL LEADERS

As part of a greater Gulf Coast community outreach initiative, 403rd Wing leadership partnered with local civic leaders during a joint induction ceremony here Feb. 9.

For the first time, the 403d Wing induction ceremony was held alongside Second Air Force and the 81st Training Wing, as each organization took time to welcome new civic partners and thank current ones. The Air Force honorary commanders program was established to encourage dialogue between military and local civilian communities, to foster and strengthen the relationships among the two.

"It's essential for military leaders to have that conversation with our community partners about what is happening on Keesler and to share the stories of our Citizen Airmen, our mission and our families," said Col. Jennie Johnson, 403rd Wing commander. "As we strive to be the Air Force wing of choice, we couldn't be successful without the support from our local community."

Honorary commander participants are selected among elected officials, mayors, chamber of commerce members, local school principals and others who, because of their position or influence in the community, have a positive impact on the public support for the base. A community leader is paired with a designated unit commander at squadron level and above for a single two-year term.

Part of a larger Department of Defense initiative to help educate the American public about its all-volunteer military force, the honorary commander program helps increase public awareness of Keesler's Reserve and active duty missions as well as Air Force policies and programs.

In total, more than 50 community members from the Gulf Coast region were inducted into the outreach program. The wing welcomed the following community members: Michael Pocchiari, Garden Park Medical Center; Stephanie Chapman, Biloxi Shuckers; Jenny Levens, City of Long Beach; Marsha Crawford, Harrison County Development Commission; Haley Martin, Law Offices of Haley Martin; Chad Romero; D'Iberville Chamber of Commerce and People's Bank; Dr. Steve Miller, University of Southern Mississippi; and Carlos Bell, Port of Gulfport.



Air Force News



Wilson's glide path for more lethal, ready AF of future

ORLANDO, Fla. (AFNS) -- Emphasizing priorities that will largely define the year ahead, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson stressed the need to modernize and grow the force. She also highlighted how streamlining acquisitions will inject innovative ideas and tools faster and more reliably into every corner of the organization.

"Our Air Force is too small for what the nation is asking of us," Wilson said during a 26-minute keynote address at the Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium Feb. 28, foreshadowing one of the major conclusions in an Air Force analysis that will be delivered soon to Congress.

The goal, she said, is to increase the force from 312 squadrons to 386. The response reflects shifting geopolitics focusing on near-peer competition as identified in the National Defense Strategy." To read more, [click here](#).

Air Force Reserve to expand AGR program

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- The Chief of Air Force Reserve approved changes to the Active Guard Reserve program recently.

The Human Capital Management Leadership Team briefed Lt. Gen. Richard W. Scobee, Chief of Air Force Reserve, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, providing viable options to meet end-strength requirements, as well as ensure readiness and lethality. Implementation of these changes are expected to occur September 2019.

Over the next three fiscal years, the AGR program will grow from 20 percent of Reserve full-time support to 26 percent. Therefore, the Human Capital Management Leadership Team was tasked to review current laws, policies and processes of AGR management to support the growth of the program. [Click here to read more](#).

UTA FY19 DATES

March 9-10 April 6-7 No May UTA
June 6-9 July 13-14 Aug. 3-4
Sept. 7-8

AIR FORCE CONNECT

The 403rd Wing now has its own section in the Air Force Connect app. This Air Force-wide mobile app is designed to enable, engage and empower Airmen by centralizing and increasing access to the information they need for their careers. The 403rd Wing section includes Air Force Reserve-specific news and resources, social media streams, Air Force guides and fitness information, mentoring resources and more. Wing personnel can download the application on the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and select the 403rd Wing from the home screen. The wing also has a section under the Keesler Air Force Base app. To download the app search "Keesler" in the app store or visit <https://apps.appmachine.com/keeslerafb2>.



AIRMEN CAN SUBMIT INNOVATIVE IDEAS ONLINE

Airmen who have an innovative idea that could save the Air Force Reserve money can submit those plans online through either the Airmen Powered by Innovation or Replication Proven Innovations programs. To learn more, visit: <http://www.afrc.af.mil/About-Us/Innovation/Submit/>.



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CONGRATS TO WING AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following 403rd Wing Fourth Quarter and Annual Award winners, which were announced Feb. 9 at the Wing Commanders Calls.

The Airman of the Fourth Quarter is Senior Airman Joshua Nash from the 403rd Maintenance Squadron. The Non-commissioned officer of the Fourth Quarter is Staff Sgt. Logan Jokisch from the 12th Operational Weather Flight. And, the Senior Non-commissioned officer of the Fourth Quarter is Master Sgt. Michael Standsbury from the 403rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

The annual award winners were also announced. The Airman of the Year is Senior Airman Daniel Gorshe from the 803rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The Non-commissioned Officer of the Year is Tech. Sgt. Jameel Lemon from the 5th Operational Weather Flight. The Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year is Master Sgt. Robert Rock from the 5th Operational Weather Flight. The First Sergeant of the Year is Master Sgt. Demetric White from the 815th Airlift Squadron. And, the Company Grade Officer of the Year is Capt. Melody Gemuend from the 403rd Force Support Squadron.

JUNE UTA FOCUS ON READINESS

The June 6-9 Unit Training Assembly will focus on mission readiness. Wing members will be scheduled to take Total Force Awareness Training, Self Aid and Buddy Care, small arms, and Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives training. Unit leadership will notify their members of scheduled training and other mandatory events.

KEESLER, BILOXI AIR, SPACE SHOW

The 2019 Keesler and Biloxi Air and Space Show is May 4-5. The air and space show will feature numerous acts headlined by the Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team. The event will be divided into two portions; the morning portion, taking place on Keesler from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., will feature a number of smaller air acts, ground demonstrations and static displays. The afternoon portion will be taking place along the beach just off U.S. 90 with White Avenue being show center from 1 to 5 p.m.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT CLASSES

The Senior Leaders Course is March 18-19 at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. This course is for commanders and chiefs and is a two day overview of all things process improvement. The 403rd Wing Green Belt Academics class is April 8-12. Green belt training develops individuals to lead process improvements. It also teaches participants to use tools like Six Sigma, a method to eliminate variation and standardize processes, and lean initiatives, which are designed to eliminate waste or no-value added steps from a process. For more information about these classes and available future classes, contact Chief Master Sgt. Monte Snyder, wing performance process manager, at 228-377-4282 or at monte.snyder.1@us.af.mil.

RESILIENCY RESOURCES AVAILABLE

There are many resources available for Airmen and their families who may be struggling. These resources include the [Chaplain](#), 228-377-0400 or 228-297-7288; [Director of Psychological Health](#), 228-806-0913; [Airman and Family Readiness](#), 228-376-8728; [Sexual Assault Response Coordinator](#), 228-377-7278; [Violence Prevention Integrator](#), 228-377-2814; [Military Family Life Consultant](#), 228-365-5834 or 228-365-5927; [Civilian Employee Assistance Program](#), 800-222-0364; [Military One Source](#), 800-342-9647, or [Key Spouses](#). The Air Force Reserve Command's Airmen and Family Readiness site includes links to several resources at <https://www.afrc.af.mil/About-Us/Airman-Family/>. The Air Force also has a resilience website at <https://www.resilience.af.mil/>. To view the resilience message by Lt. Gen. Richard Scobee, Air Force Reserve Command commander, visit: <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/643271/air-force-reserve-command-resilience-video>.

