

Mishap-Free Milestones

VMFA-232
22 years (90,000 hours)

VMGR-252
(375,000 hours)

VPU-1
19 years (37,823 hours)

HC-3
27 years (170,000 hours)

VFA-27
15 years (60,000)

VAW-126
9 years (13,900 hours)

4th MAW
5 years (633,435 hours)

VP-26
39 years (284,500 hours)

VFA-137
16 years (60,000 hours)

VAW-121
35 years (67,650 hours)

VFA-94
10 years (43,000 hours)

VFA-97
7 years

VR-61
19 years (75,000 hours)

USS *Enterprise* completed 10,000 mishap-free traps on its 18th deployment.

Aviation Humor

Gripes Worth Griping About

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by pilots and the replies from the maintenance crews.

■ = problem; ■ = solution

- Left inside main tire almost needs replacement
- Almost replaced left inside main tire
- Test flight OK, except autoland very rough
- Autoland not installed on this aircraft
- No.2 propeller seeping prop fluid
- No.2 propeller seepage normal - Numbers 1, 3 and 4 propellers lack normal seepage
- Something loose in cockpit
- Something tightened in cockpit
- Evidence of leak on right main-landing gear
- Evidence removed
- DME volume unbelievably loud
- Volume set to more believable level
- Dead bugs on windshield
- Live bugs on order
- Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200-fpm descent
- Cannot reproduce problem on ground
- IFF inoperative
- IFF always inoperative in OFF mode
- Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick
- That's what they're there for
- No. 3 engine missing
- Engine found on right wing after brief search
- Aircraft handles funny
- Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious
- Target radar hums
- Reprogrammed target radar with the lyrics