

I am an Aircraft Mechanic
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This was my life for over 35 years. I would do it all over again!

I am an aircraft mechanic.

You don't see us in recruitment posters, you won't see us in military movies, nor on the news as crews rescue a person in strife or drop disaster relief goods.

Those kudos are for the pilots and crews.

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We are the unseen. The people whom with grease, oil and hydraulic fluid coated clothes spent the entire night getting a "grounded" or "not full mission capable aircraft" ready to fly to meet flight schedule. "FMC" Fully Mission Capable!"

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Strange enough pilot's know our names but not our faces. As pilots and crews slept in their beds, we work with flashlights clutched in our teeth; so we can use both hands. Busted knuckles, safety wire gashed arms we work through the night. The morning comes the crews look through the maintenance records for the Aircraft they are about to sign for seeing a plethora of gripes fixed and/or repaired.

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Lastly, if the flight schedule starts early enough you get to see your hard work pay off. APU on line, navigation lights - on, GPS and computers booting up, flight controls checked, smooth and good, engines roar to life. There's the scent, yep the smell of burnt jet fuel. The pilot nods his head and taxis out. Exhausted and ready to hit the hay, but you stay to watch them get airborne. Yeah, I am an aircraft mechanic -----Copied and pasted from a maintenance site but so true !!