



Roll-up of Articles
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### **General and Special Topics**





### I Sustain This: February 2024 Nominees

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PS Magazine's *I Sustain This* campaign is designed to recognize civilian sustainers who exemplify the highest standards while maintaining equipment to meet combat readiness requirements and stay in the fight, even under the most arduous of circumstances.

For February 2024, we had one civilian sustainer nominated for this program: Mr. Andy W. Georgeson, a surface maintenance mechanic inspector with the Combined Support Maintenance Shop, Camp Douglas, WI.

**Spotlight Profile** 



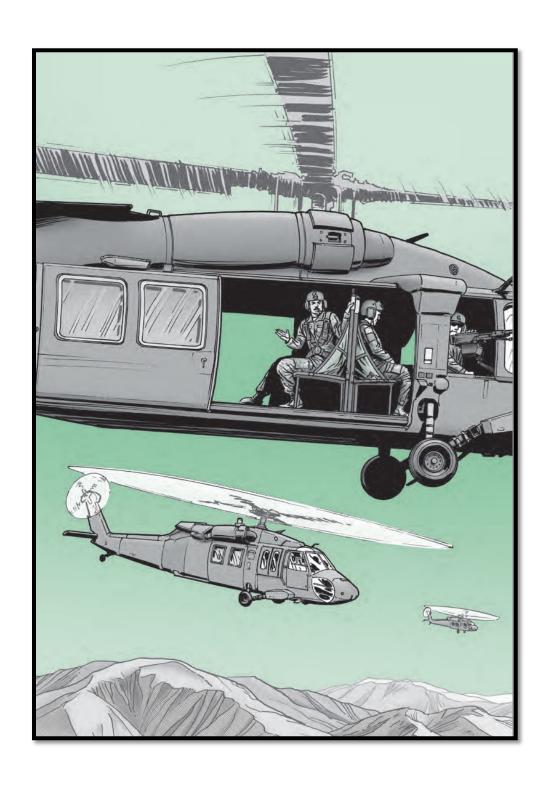
Andy W. Georgeson

Title 5 Surface Maintenance Mechanic Inspector
Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) #57
Camp Douglas, WI (WIARNG)

Nominated by: CW4 Bradley Dahl

Why does this person deserve recognition? Mr. Georgeson is our Swiss army knife. His job is to conduct initial and final inspections on all ground equipment for the CSMS. He has quickly become a state-level SME for ground equipment and a trusted source of information. However, his technician career has mostly been in armament and weapon systems, so we frequently take advantage of his knowledge in this area as well. Finally, he has maintained his GSA Lockmasters certification and is currently the only person in the WIARNG certified to penetrate locks and safes. Mr. Georgeson is an unsung civilian hero that quietly works in the background and keeps us rolling.

#### **Aviation**





# **Aviation Maintenance: MOS 151A Invited to Take Job Analysis Survey**

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**BLUF:** All MOS 151A should take the job analysis survey at the link below.

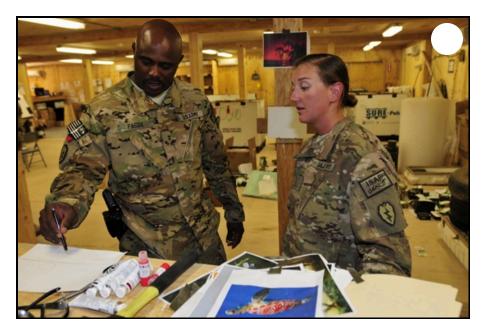


Photo courtesy Directorate of Training and Doctrine, U.S. Army Aviation CoE

If you're an Aviation Maintenance Technician, MOS 151A, and in the ranks of W-1 through W-3, you can assist the Warrant Officer Basic Course critical task site selection board (CTSSB)—assembled by the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence —by completing an online job analysis survey ASAP.

The results of the survey will be used to update the individual critical task list, which guides future instruction and training.

The aviation maintenance technician, MOS 151A survey is now open and will close 17 Jan 25. You can access the survey link <u>HERE</u> or scan the QR code below:



**Editor's Note:** Thanks to Carlos Testa of the Directorate of Training and Doctrine (DOTD) at the United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) for drafting this article.



# AGSE: PM AGSE-Managed Items Graphical Aid

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**BLUF:** Use this reference sheet of AGSE-managed items to avoid searching multiple ETMs and IETMs.

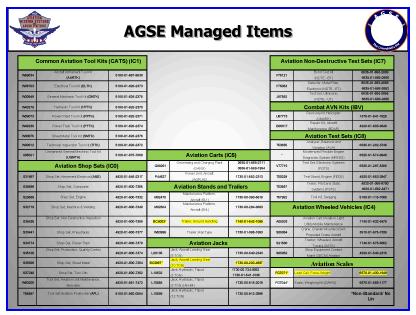


Photo by Staff Sgt. George Prince

Mechanics, aircraft maintenance is important and aviation ground support equipment (AGSE) plays a key role in maintaining aircraft readiness. But having to search through multiple TMs, ETMs and IETMs for an NSN or NSNs on AGSE-managed items can be a chore.

So, if you need to know what items PM AGSE manages, here is a list of NSNs for quick reference. Click on the image below to open a PDF copy that you can keep deskside.

Make a note that the highlighted items are not directly managed by PM AGSE, but they can provide information on sustainment or product issue support.



Click to open a full-sized PDF

If you have questions or concerns about AGSE, visit their MilSuite site **HERE**.

### **CBRN**





### CBRN EOD M165 SKO Generator: New TM Available

/ Published March 13, 2024

**BLUF**: The small tactical generator, NSN 6115-01-707-8923, for the CBRN EOD M165, has a new TM.



Photo by <u>Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Williams</u>

TM 3-6665-447-13&P (Feb 24) including RPSTL for the alternating current small tactical generator, NSN 6115-01-707-8923, a component of the CBRN reconnaissance sets, kits and outfits EOD M165, NSN 6665-01-667-5446, is now available for download.

This new operator and field maintenance TM is restricted but authorized personnel can view it HERE.

### **Commo/Electronics**





## SINCGARS RT-1523F: Finding the Fix for an LIT Failure

/ Published March 10, 2024

**BLUF**: If a SINCGARS RT-1523F failure LIT 797 AUX DISPLAY appears, the solution can be found in Step 45 of WP 0701-15 in TM 11-5820-890-13&P-5 (Aug 14).



Photo by **Aungel Terrangi** 

Dear Half-Mast,

I'm testing a SINCGARS RT-1523F on an AN/GRM-22 and the radio is failing LIT 797 AUX DISPLAY. When searching through TM 11-5820-890-13&P-5 (Aug 14), I can't find that specific LIT number anywhere.

I'm assuming that the display needs to be replaced, but without the TM confirming my suspicion, I can't be 100 percent sure. Is my TM out of date?

Dear Specialist,

No, you've got the right TM. WP 0701 of TM 11-5820-890-13&P-5 contains the field troubleshooting procedures operational check for the receiver-transmitter RT-1523F(C)/U.

You'll find step-by-step field troubleshooting procedures for AUX DISPLAY CHECK (LIT 797) in Step 45 in WP 0701-15.

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#### **ECU: Preventing Battery Discharge**

/ Published March 27, 2024

**BLUF:** ECU batteries need a full charge to retain their full capacity.



Photo by JoAnna Delfin

Environmental control units (ECUs) require fully charged onboard batteries to remain cool and preserve temperature-sensitive material during transportation to laboratories for analysis. The ECU can operate on partially charged or discharged batteries when connected to an AC power source; however, if the AC power is disconnected then the ECU shuts down and the onboard batteries discharge.

The 12-volt DC batteries inside of ECUs require constant recharging to retain their full charge capacities. Batteries that sit inside of ECUs without recharging can begin to lose capacity to hold a full charge in as little as a few hours.

Remove, check and recharge batteries weekly in accordance with WP 0050.7 of TM 3-6665-428-10 (Sep 14). Charge the batteries by connecting the battery harness connector to the fusible link connector and connect the AC power cord to the ECU power panel 100-240VAC 50/60Hz 120W INPUT connector.



Connect battery harness to fusible link connector



Connect AC power cord to ECU power panel

Use an AC power source from the DR SKO system generator set, shore power, or an additional power cord in accordance with WP 0050.2 of TM 3-6665-428-10 (Sep 14). The additional power cord allows operators to remove the ECU from the DR SKO system and operate and charge the ECU from alternate AC power sources. Need to order an additional power cord? TACOM recommends using NSN 6150-01-512-1007.



Additional power cord assists operators

While operating the ECU, make sure that the battery harness connector is connected to the fusible link connector in accordance with WP 0050.2 of TM 3-6665-428-10 (Sep 14). When performing AFTER OPERATION procedures and preparing to stow the ECU, make sure the battery harness is disconnected. If it's not disconnected, the ECU will continue to operate after AC power is disconnected and discharge the batteries.



### 3-kW TQ Generator: Power Distribution Unit Now Available

/ Published March 30, 2024

**BLUF**: A new power distribution unit for the 3-kW TQG is available. Order it with NSN 6150-01-697-4856.



Product Manager Mobile Electric Power Systems (PdM MEPS) has developed a power distribution unit (PDU) for the 3-kW tactical quiet generator (TQG). You can order it from the Army supply system with NSN 6150-01-697-4856.

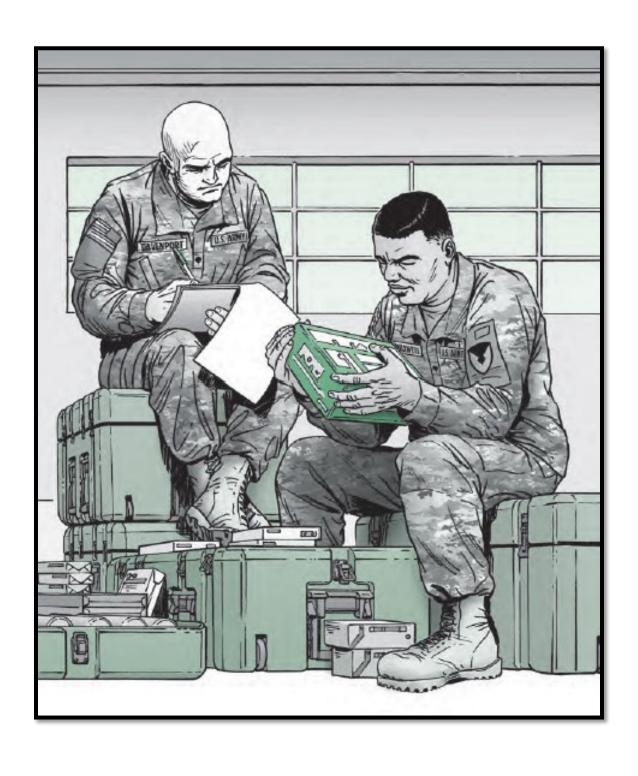
The PDU is a ruggedized 50-ft extension cord that allows users to tap safely into 2.4 kW of power from the 3-kW TQG. The PDU also:

- is compatible with any 120V, 60 Hz, 20-AMP system.
- comes with two 20-AMP ground fault circuit interrupter receptacles and circuit breaker protection against overload and overcurrent conditions.

- is a compact size (15.3-inches x 14-inches x 14-inches) with an 8-inch reel for wrapping the 50-ft quick disconnect power cord for convenient transportability and stowing.
- has a quick disconnect power cord that comes with a pigtail on one end that allows for easy setup, connecting directly to the 3-kW TQG load terminals.
- can be set up and operated by any MOS.

You can download the PDU's TM 9-6150-267-13&P (Mar 24), including RSPTL, **HERE** (CAC required).

### **Logistics Management**





## Logistics Management: EMS and ADM Updates Are Available

/ Published March 5, 2024

**BLUF:** New updates for the EMS Viewer and ADM software are available for download from the CMTool website.



Photo by Sgt. Rebecca Call

Army Materiel Command (AMC), 7<sup>th</sup> Signal Command and United States Army Europe and Africa (USAREUR-AF) have approved Electronic Maintenance System (EMS) Viewer 3.1.0 to replace EMS NG Viewer 2.x on Department of Defense information networks (DODINs).

Also, Autonomous Diagnostic Manager (ADM) 4.0.4 is approved to operate on PD TMDE's maintenance support devices (MSDs) with the updated EMS Viewer 3.x software. The latest version of the EMS software extends the ability to view enhanced schematics that was discontinued with the sunset of the Adobe Flash Player.

The new software is permitted on all CONUS and USAREUR-AF work desktops that

are connected to the Army or DoD networks and non-connected devices like the MSD. Permission to use the software on remaining OCONUS networks is pending.

To have EMS installed on a networked computer, you'll need to submit a help ticket to your local IT help desk or Network Enterprise Center (NEC). Click <u>HERE</u> for instructions to download the updated software for non-networked devices.

Installing the updated software on an MSD? First, make sure that Legacy IETM 1.0.1.45 or later is installed, so EMS Viewer 3.1.0 and ADM 4.0.4 run correctly if you're performing on-system diagnostics.

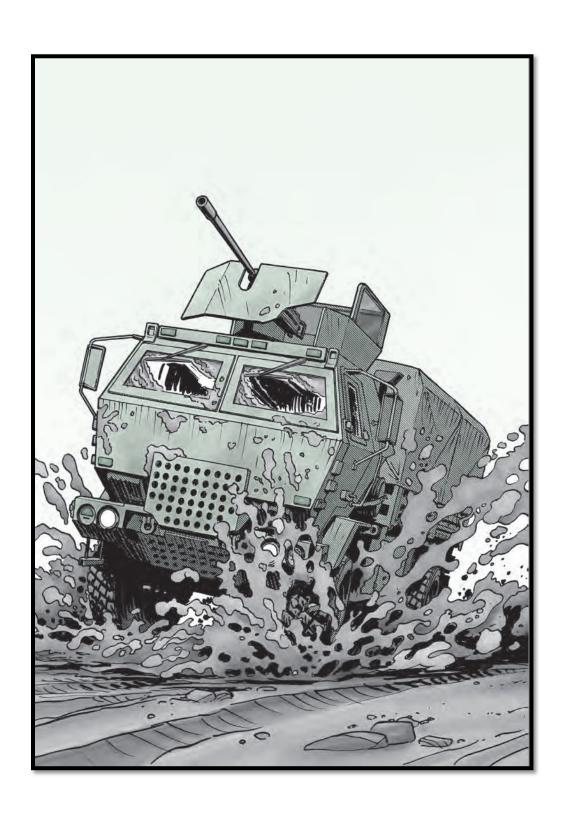
Click <u>HERE</u> to download the latest copy of Legacy IETM from the CMTool website. You'll need your CAC to access the site. If the CMTool website gives you trouble, call the PD TMDE help desk at (877) 564-1137, or send an email to:

apats@redstone.army.mil

Have questions about the new EMS Viewer or ADM software? Call the EMS help desk at (877) 445-1780, or send an email to:

support@ems-helpdesk.com

### **Tactical Vehicles**





## JLTV A1 FOV: Inspect Tow Eyes for Cracks NOW!

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**BLUF:** Immediately and visually inspect your JLTV A1's front tow eyes for cracks per TACOM SOUM 23-002, and **don't** use the tow eyes if they're cracked.



Photo by Sean Kimmons

Warfighters, TACOM's safety of use message (SOUM) 23-002 was issued because cracks have been found on the front tow eyes of some JLTV A1s. The cracks could cause the tow eyes to fail and become detached during:

- tiedown
- sling load or lift
- maintenance lift using JLTV jack stands
- winch or tow/lift for recovery, including self-recovery.

A tow eye failure could potentially cause a fatal accident.

You'll need to visually inspect the front tow eyes of all JLTV A1s in accordance with

TACOM SOUM 23-002. Prior to the visual inspection, make sure the front of your JLTV is clean and free of dirt and debris.

Until this initial inspection is completed, **do not** use any vehicle that requires the use of the front tow eyes.

If you discover a crack or cracks, the vehicle is considered not mission capable (NMC) according to WP 1291 of TM 9-2320-452-23&P (Feb 19), and you'll need to submit a product quality deficiency report (PQDR) for that vehicle.

If you have multiple JLTVs with tow eye cracks, you must submit a PQDR for each vehicle. Each cracked tow eye will be painted yellow for identification of restricted use. For more info and the painting instructions, see the attachments in Para 5b of the SOUM.

You can view TACOM SOUM 23-002 HERE.

Keep in mind that per AR 750-1, *Army Materiel Maintenance Policy*, faults that render equipment NMC require immediate correction or authorization for limited operation using Circle X status condition. Commanders have the option to use Circle X status condition to limit vehicle operations by restricting use from operations that require the use of front tow eyes. This includes tiedown, sling/lift, maintenance lift using JLTV jack stands, winching or tow/lift for recovery, including self-recovery.

