

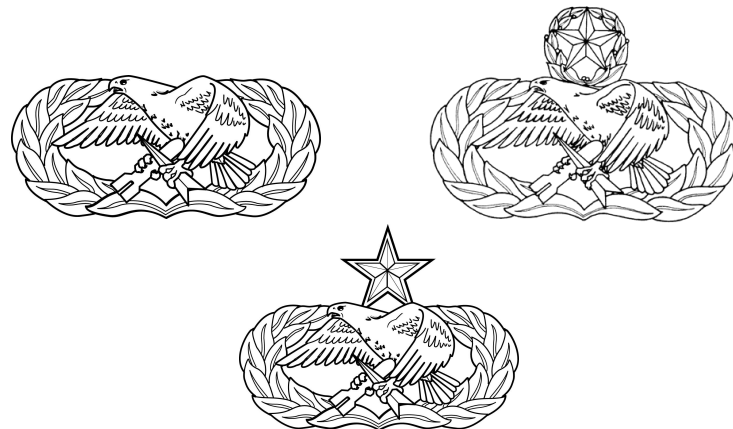
What does Aircraft Maintenance Officer Training look like?

After completing the initial skills training Pre-Requisite course at their duty location followed by the in-residence portion at Sheppard AFB, TX officers begin their careers leading maintenance organizations in complex, diverse, and challenging assignments across the street and around the world.



To learn more about Aircraft Maintenance check out these YouTube videos:

- <https://youtu.be/Nl9ceXQTQ4o>
- <https://youtu.be/z2WB95NudsA>
- <https://youtu.be/PL6LkqUjkc8>

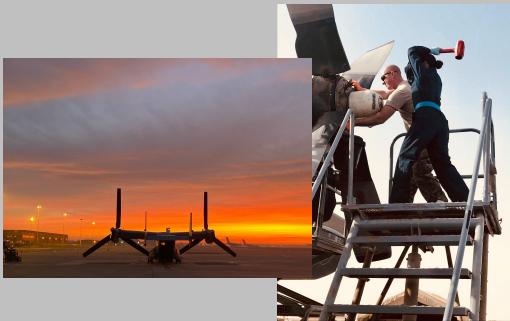


21A: Aircraft Maintenance



What does a 2IA do?

Aircraft Maintenance officers manage maintenance and modification of aircraft and associated equipment. They administer aircraft maintenance programs and resources, and direct aircraft maintenance production, staff activity, and related materiel programs. They assess unit capability and serve as advisors to commanders, staffs, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



Leaders From the Start

Most organizations 2IAs lead are large, demanding a lot of responsibility right away. 2IA officers compete to command squadrons as Majors, which is earlier than many other officers. 2IAs can command munitions, aircraft maintenance, and other logistics squadrons, including commanding in Aircraft Maintenance Operations Groups and Wings in Europe and Asia. Many continue on to become deputy maintenance group commanders.



2IAs lead large maintenance organizations comprising of hundreds of people and multi-million/billion dollar aircraft and equipment.

A Diverse, Challenging Career

CGOs develop expertise in multiple airframes and support equipment. Some positions that you may hold include section and flight commanders, aircraft maintenance unit officers in charge, maintenance operations officers, and functional instructors. There are multiple opportunities to compete for a career broadening tour in other logistics career fields, such as logistics readiness and acquisitions, prior to attaining field grade ranks.



No greater honor than being asked to do a reenlistment; however, the ultimate honor is being asked to do a reenlistment in front of the mighty and legendary A-10 Warthog

FGOs get a chance to compete for squadron command early, and usually command more than once. Developmental education opportunities include Sister-Service schools and highly competitive fellowships at prestigious universities (e.g., Harvard) or National Labs. More senior officers apply their expertise across the Department of Defense serving on Combatant Commands, Air and Joint Staffs. 2IA also serve as maintenance group commanders, wing commanders, and historically compete well for General Officer ranks.

Where are 2IAs?



2IA assignment options literally span the globe. There are aircraft maintenance positions available in 129 states, territories, and foreign countries. This count does not encompass the numerous special duty assignments 2IAs can fill beyond the traditional 2IA career field.



2IA duties vary widely, from leading an aircraft maintenance squadron (above) to maintaining and commanding a multi-platform operation (below) and much much much more.

