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Daily Media Clips

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The Section 809 Panel is a congressionally mandated panel designed to be a catalyst that restores agility and simplicity to defense acquisition through bold and effective recommendations.

Good morning - We found several articles that you may be interested in. Have a great weekend!

Some of the oldest F-35s on the globe are forced to sit and wait for upgrades
June 1, 2018 | Valerie Insinna

The Marine Corps' premier F-35 training squadron is churning out new pilots, but low availability of spare parts and the jet's logistics system continue to cause a headache for the maintainers at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort.

MCAS Beaufort in South Carolina is home to Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron (VMFAT) 501, the service's hub for pilots learning to fly the short takeoff, vertical landing F-35B variant.

But when Defense News visited the base on May 17, maintainers at the base echoed concerns heard around the F-35 enterprise: As home to some of the military's oldest F-35s, aircraft availability is suffering as planes sit waiting for spare parts and for key hardware and software modifications.

When maintainers enter in orders for components needed to repair the jet, the F-35's Autonomic Logistics Information System — which walks users through maintenance and helps manage the supply chain — will sometimes project an expected arrival of "a couple years out," said Sgt. Pedro, a maintenance controller from VMFAT-501. Defense News agreed not to publish last names of Marines associated with VMFAT-501 due to security concerns.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

US defense firms are at risk of losing their edge to new rivals
May 31, 2018 | Daniel Cebul

GAO overturns DoD agreement for $1B in cloud computing services
June 1, 2018 | Jared Serbu

US defense sector braces for Trump tariff fallout
May 31, 2018 | Joe Gould and Aaron Mehta

Disputed Pentagon Cloud Proposal to Be Delayed for More Study
May 31, 2018 | Anthony Capaccio

House wants better tech at the Air Force's space ops center

May 31, 2018 | Brandon Knapp

JEDI cloud solicitation misses May deadline
May 31, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

Will AI help save lives on the battlefield?
May 31, 2018 | Adam Stone

Want faster acquisition?
May 30, 2018 | Bridget Lynch

GAO Rules Against Pentagon's Experimental $950 Million Cloud Deal
May 31, 2018 | Frank Konkel and Heather Kuldell

What IT modernization means for the CAC
May 31, 2018 | Sean Frazier

If war is hell, how hellish should training be?
May 31, 2018 | Tom Temin

Growing a small contracting business: 10 pieces of advice for aspiring owners
May 29, 2018 | Sophia Parker

Information Collection; Authorized Negotiators
June 1, 2018 | Federal Register

How to Keep Your High Performers Happy
May 31, 2018 | Kellogg School of Management

Section 809 News

Lt Col Sam Kidd joined us for the Bold Bites Podcast to discuss Title 10, U.S. Code, and the complexity of this topic. Listen to this informative podcast to learn more about the recommendations being considered here at the Section 809 Panel.

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