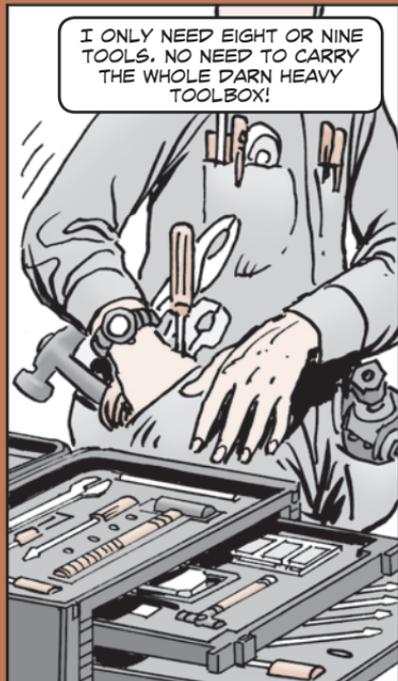
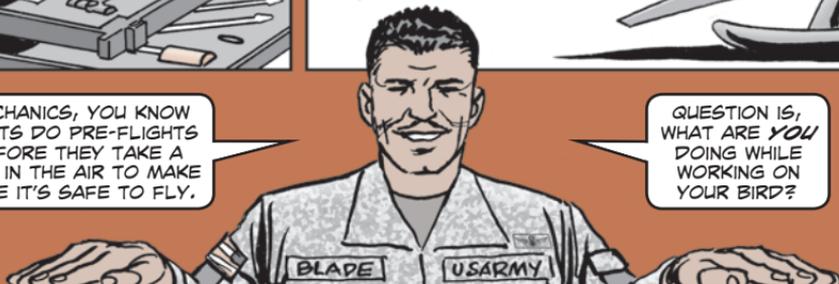


# Be Safe Rather Than Sorry



MECHANICS, YOU KNOW PILOTS DO PRE-FLIGHTS BEFORE THEY TAKE A BIRD IN THE AIR TO MAKE SURE IT'S SAFE TO FLY.

QUESTION IS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING WHILE WORKING ON YOUR BIRD?



Prior to performing any maintenance, check yourself. You should remove all jewelry, including your watch, rings, neck chains, pin-on rank and symbolic jewelry.

Being safe is better than being sorry. Jewelry can get in rotating and moving parts. That puts your fingers, neck and other body parts in harm's way or worse.

And while you're at it, play it safe and empty your pockets of screwdrivers, glasses, wrenches, lighters and pens that could fall out of your pocket and lodge in aircraft flight controls, rotating components or electrical equipment. They could end up causing severe damage like controls binding, component failure in flight or electrical shorts. That could put your bird on the NMC list or cause a catastrophic accident.