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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES NAVY
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: 2012 Secretary of Defense Depot-level Maintenance Award Selection

I am pleased to inform you that the recipient of the 2012 Secretary of Defense Depot-level Maintenance Award, known as the Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence, is the Air Force C-130 Programmed Depot Maintenance Team at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. A brief summary of their accomplishments is attached.

Annually, the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Program recognizes the outstanding Department of Defense (DoD) depot-level military maintenance program. This year, we received eight nominations forwarded by the Military Services. Each nominee should be proud of their exceptional performance and contribution to our Nation's defense.

The Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards Ceremony and Banquet are scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2012, at the DeVos Place Convention Center, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as part of the 2012 DoD Maintenance Symposium and Exhibition. One of the highlights of the awards ceremony will be the presentation of the Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence.

Please extend my sincere congratulations on behalf of the Secretary of Defense to the Air Force C-130 Programmed Depot Maintenance Team and to all of the nominees for their outstanding efforts.

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Attachments:
As stated

2012 Secretary of Defense Depot-level Maintenance Awards Summary

C-130 Programmed Depot Maintenance Team

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Georgia
United States Air Force

The C-130 Programmed Depot Maintenance (PDM) Team at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is a perfect example of how our depot maintenance activities directly contribute to supporting the Nation's Warfighters. The C-130 PDM Team's primary mission responsibilities are performing depot-level maintenance and installing modifications on the Air Force's fleet of C-130 aircraft. In FY 2011, the C-130 PDM Team, through the use of innovative and aggressive process improvements, executed those responsibilities flawlessly. It increased C-130 aircraft availability by returning 64 aircraft to operating units; reduced work-in-progress from 41 to 36 aircraft; slashed flowdays from 102 to 69 days and achieved 100-percent on-time delivery by the end of the fiscal year; and lowered customer-reported deficiencies by 60 percent, despite increased operational and repair demands on this aging aircraft. The C-130 PDM Team achieved these improvements by fully embracing the continuous process improvement principles underlying Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century and Lean. It expanded the use of dedicated crews, incorporated High Velocity Maintenance concepts into the main production line, and consolidated widely scattered production facilities, freeing valuable space for other workloads. These and other accomplishments fully validate awarding the 2012 Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence to the men and women of the C-130 PDM Team.