F-35s to undergo depot maintenance by United Technologies

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The Pratt & Whitney division of United Technologies Corp. (UTC) was awarded a potential four-year, $325.2 million contract for aircraft maintenance equipment for the F-35 fighter aircraft. The contract, announced by the Defense Department, calls for UTC to provide material and support equipment for depot maintenance facilities, as well as non-recurring sustainment activities, supplies, services, and planning for depot activations.

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Hand-held devices to improve air-to-ground operations

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Raytheon Company received a $48 million engineering services contract to support the integration and qualification of hand-held devices into platform-mounted WiFi systems secured up to secret.

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Counter-UAS system announced by Anduril Industries

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Anduril Industries launched the Interceptor unmanned system as part of the Lattice AI counter Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) initiative.
System (cUAS) solution intended to detect and interdict unmanned aircraft or autonomous unmanned systems. This system brings Anduril technology to the cUAS mission, providing force protection for military personnel and installations or critical infrastructure.

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Bell 360 Invictus rotorcraft announced by Textron

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Bell Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. company, announced a new rotorcraft, Bell 360 Invictus, as the company’s entrant for the U.S. Army’s Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft (FARA) Competitive Prototype program. Bell’s approach to designing combines low-risk technologies with advanced processes.

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Air Force awards navigation system contract to Northrop Grumman

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Northrop Grumman Corp. received a $1.39 billion contract from the U.S. Air Force for its embedded GPS system. The indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract includes production, sustainment, and engineering technical services in support of its Embedded GPS Inertial Navigation System Modernization (EGI/EGI-M) system.

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Military aircraft engine contract nets $2.2 billion modification for Pratt & Whitney

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Pratt & Whitney (a United Technologies company) won a $2.2 billion contract modification to manufacture F-35 aircraft propulsion systems for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

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Multi-modal sensor pod for ISR on aircraft unveiled by Logos Technologies at AUSA 2019

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Logos Technologies unveiled at the AUSA 2019 Annual Meeting & Exposition its new multi-modal sensor pod (MMSP) and revealed plans for the first flight of its BlackKite IR wide-area motion imagery (WAMI) pod.

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Counter-UAS market to reach $1.97 billion by 2024, study predicts
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A new market study from BIS Research, titled "Global Counter-UAS Market ? Analysis and Forecast 2019-2024," reports that the counter-unmanned aerial system (C-UAS) market generated revenue of $785.8 million in 2018 and is projected to reach $1.97 billion by 2024, a combined annual growth rate of 16.83% during the forecast period.
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Laser aircraft defense system approved by State Department
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The U.S. State Department has approved the possible sale of two AN/AAQ-24(V)N Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures systems to Qatar for $86 million.
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HH-60W combat rescue helicopter to enter production
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Lockheed Martin announced the Sikorsky HH-60W Combat Rescue Helicopter (CRH) program achieved a Milestone C decision from the U.S. Air Force, which moves the program into low-rate initial production. The CRH will perform critical combat search and rescue and personnel recovery operations for all U.S. military services.
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C&L Aerospace purchases Beechjet business from Global Parts
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C&L Aerospace has purchased the Beechjet 400 rotatable parts program from Global Parts. As part of the transaction, C&L has acquired Global’s entire Beechjet rotatable inventory. All parts from the program are now stocked in C&L’s Bangor, Maine warehouse and available for sale or exchange.

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Software-defined EMP anti-UAS technology wins accelerator contract from USAF
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Epirus Systems, a maker of software-defined electromagnetic pulse (EMP) technology designed to take down dangerous unmanned aircraft systems (UASs), has won a new type of Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) contract from the U.S. Air Force’s Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) and its AFWERX technology accelerator program. The AFWERX program contracts with and empowers companies to engage industry stakeholders and fine-tune technologies at an earlier stage to streamline innovation to the warfighter.

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MAX saga continues
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In May I wrote here about the Boeing 737 MAX situation up to that time. Boeing was optimistically predicting the MAX to be up and flying by August. But August has come and gone and the predictions became September?October?December and even now the latest talk is January of 2020 or beyond. Southwest doesn’t plan to be able to use the MAX until Jan. 5. Air Canada says Jan 8, recent reports state.

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Mission computers for helicopters to be developed by HENSOLDT
Independent sensor house HENSOLDT has been commissioned by Airbus Helicopters to provide the EuroGrid Tactical Mission Computer (ETMC) for helicopters with new functions. The two-year further development contract includes a guarantee for the acquisition of 200 production units in the subsequent years.

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