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The Inaugural AGE Newsletter



About This Newsletter.

The Aircraft Ground Support Equipment Working Group (AGSEWG) is proud to introduce the inaugural issue of the Aerospace Ground Support Equipment (AGE) Newsletter. This publication is being produced to meet a growing need for cross-talk through out the Air Force AGE community.

This newsletter is a means to sustain momentum that began at the semiannual AGSEWG and continued to grow during the Product Improvement Working Group (PIWG) at Robins Air Force Base, Oct 2009.

Out of the knowledge and experience presented at both of the late October conferences, one of the most basic insights—and most exciting—was the realization on the part of the charter members that they all shared and expressed a need to sustain and to continue developing a better AGE community by providing information and knowledge.

It will be used to provide information and knowledge to the entire career field from all MAJCOMs and the Air National Guard Bureau as a united voice. The newsletter is a product of the AGSEWG, but belongs to everyone in the AGE community. While the first issue of this newsletter emphasizes the functions of AGSEWG and PIWG we invite you to send your comments, suggestions and stories to your MAJCOM Functional Managers as we continue to mold build this vehicle for information traffic.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AGE Flight Chief's Conference 26-28 Apr, 2010

AGE PIWG Conference 29-30 Apr, 2010

Location: Warner Robins Conference Center,
308 N Davis Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31093

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Product Improvement Working Group (PIWG)

The PIWG is a semiannual working group hosted by 642d Combat Sustainment Group, at Robins AFB, GA. The working group allows AGE maintainers to collaborate with the Integrated Product Teams (IPT) to solve equipment related problems.

IPTs consist of an equipment specialist (ES), item manager (IM), engineer, and program manager. PIWGs addresses deficiencies affecting reliability and maintainability that the field cannot resolve. It addresses deficiency reports (DR) however, it does not address supply issues.

The next working group is scheduled for 29-30 Apr, 10. Submit action items to MAJCOM functional mgrs NLT 45 days prior to the working group. To access archived PIWG data visit the AFMC AGE Knowledge Now CoP located on the AF Portal.

Reference AFI21-118 Chapter 3 for PIWG Instructions



Your AGSEWG

The Aircraft Ground Support Equipment Working Group.

The AGSEWG is a chartered group that was established at the direction of HQ USAF in 1977, to improve aircraft readiness. It still performs this function today through the acquisition and support of new and replacement AGE. It promotes and approves strategies for the acquisition, test, employment, sustainment, and replacement of AGE to limit proliferation, increase standardization, reduce footprint and environ-

mental impact while controlling life-cycle costs.

In addition to the chartered task, the group meets semi-annually at Robins AFB, GA, to review current policies and procedures for the acquisition of support equipment. It will also validate user requirements for AGE and assess current capabilities and initiate acquisition process as needed. The Group will also assist WR-ALC with identifying requirements, developing Purchase Descriptions, reviewing design submissions,

developing and conducting all test procedures and distributing and redistributing assets.

The members of the AGSEWG are the A4/Ms of each MAJCOM and Air National Guard Bureau with Air Staff A4/LM and AFMC A4/M chairing the group. Each MAJCOM is identified as an Executive Agents for each End Item to act as the focal point to participate in acquisition reviews and tests for that type of equipment.



AGSEWG members Oct 09



Farewell from the AGSEWG

Many thanks and farewell.

The AGSEWG would like to wish all the best to two of the people who made the organization a success.

CMSgt Kelly Downey, USAF A4/LM, is due to depart the AGSEWG in January 2010 for a

deployment to the AOR. As chair of the AGSEWG, Chief Downey took on an important task of bringing the MAJCOMs together as one voice. His leadership and guidance will be missed. We wish him the best of luck. MSgt Ronald Smith, one of the AF's AGE Liaisons is

scheduled to PCA to become Commandant of Robins AFB's ALS. MSgt Smith took on the task of being the voice of the maintainer for the field and organizing the many AGE working groups. His hard work and dedication is appreciated and his expertise will be missed.

AGE Knowledge Now

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Have you ever tried to find an old TCTO or Maintenance Flash but didn't know where to start? Well, the AFMC AGE Knowledge Now CoP is that place.

The AGE CoP has a data base of TCTOs and official AGE messages that one can view for reference. It is a great place to gather information about the AGE career field.

It contains much more than TCTOs. The CoP also has PIWG minutes, Various Points of Contacts, and Conference Information and registration.

All you need to do to have access to this information is join. Go to the following address, <https://wwwd.my.af.mil/afknprod/ASPs/CoP/EntryCoP.asp?Filter=OO-LG-MC-54> and register to become a member. You will then have access to the latest AGE information.

