

## ATAC Airborne Tactical Advantage Company Aviation



## The organisation

Airborne Tactical Advantage Company (ATAC) is the world's largest outsourced civilian, tactical airborne training company having worked with some of the finest war fighters who put their lives on the line every day in the name of Freedom. Known as 'TOPGUN' they are the only organisation approved to train the U.S, Navy's elite Fighter Weapons School and the USAF's F-22 Raptors.

Over the last 20 years they have instructed Navy, Marine, Air Force and Army air-crews, ship-crews, and Combat Controllers in the air-to-ship, air-to-air, and air-to-ground arenas from 5 bases worldwide, including the Continental US, Hawaii and the Pacific.

With the increase in cut backs and significant demands on time ATAC have set the standard for outsourced training, providing a level of professionalism that military customers and partners can expect. Their flight programs are amongst the safest and most reliable military flying programs in the world, having proven to save hundreds of millions of dollars in training whilst extending the life of front-line aircraft assets for US and allied militaries.

## The service

Budget cuts in active and rescue squadrons met with the Global war on terror led to the huge demands on military fighter inventories and the need to fill a training gap around target support to the fleet. With dedicated experience of flying fast jets and the acquisition of Kfir's, ATAC were awarded a number of aircraft performance training.

Today ATAC's defence programs incorporate 28 aircraft comprising of 6 F-1 Kfirs, 18 MK-58 Hunters and 4 L-39 Albatros. As you would expect from aircraft dating 30-50 years old, replacing parts and regular maintenance is key to keeping them airworthy. ATAC needed a supplier to over haul and maintain their ejection seats as a commitment to the safety and reliability of their training programs.

SES were chosen as a maintenance partner to fulfil the annual servicing of ATAC's Kfir seats – a supplier able to parallel the dependable reputation of ATAC's multinational support for military forces and essential for the airborne readiness of their fleet. Having undergone dedicated training, SES services and maintains the fleet's emergency escape systems. Such vital maintenance work supports the ongoing airworthiness of the egress system.

ATAC's Director of Maintenance, Dennis "Chim" Rieke said, "for the last 20 years, our organization has successfully operated a multitude of high performance fighter aircraft, having flown in the most challenging and complex environments that demand the use of fully functioning and reliable aircraft escape systems. Since 2009, Survival Equipment Services has not only met our ejection seat requirements but continues to exceed our expectations in cost, delivery and most importantly, safety. As one of the safest and most reliable military flying programs in the world, our organization cannot afford to cut corners on safety and with Survival Equipment Services, we don't have to."

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