

TIMES MICROWAVE SYSTEMS

CELEBRATES MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

FOR MANY PEOPLE, THE end of May represents the official kick-off of summer. Celebrated on the final Monday of May, Memorial Day ushers in a new season.

While it might be the most well-known day, Memorial Day is actually a capstone to an entire month charged with military events and special days in support and honor of those who serve or have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. May is home to a full calendar of opportunities to say thank you, some of which you may not have:



FRIDAY, MAY 1 **Loyalty Day**

is the official kick-off of Military Appreciation Month. On this special day, we recognize the history and heritage of American freedom.

FRIDAY, MAY 8 **Military Spouse Appreciation Day**

celebrates the crucial role military families play in the lives of those defending our country.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 **Children of Fallen Patriots Day**

is a special time to pay homage to children who have lost a parent in the line of duty.

SATURDAY, MAY 16 **Armed Forces Day**

invites us all to thank active members in every branch of the military.

MONDAY, MAY 25 **Memorial Day**

commemorates our veterans and their utmost sacrifice for our nation's freedom.



PORTRAIT

OF AN OFFICER

Our proud heritage of supporting military missions around the world makes it an important month of celebration and reflection. We sat down with **Lou Stewart**, our Program Manager, and 20 years active duty Air Force Aircraft Maintenance Officer. In Lou's service to our country, he was responsible for the day-to-day production and deployment of Air Force aircraft from legacy machines like the A-10 all the way up to current technologies leading our nation's defense. Lou shared a bit about his experience in the military, and how it ties into the daily work he does at Times.

What attribute is most important to military communications systems?

The most important attribute is reliability. Working within the Air Force Depot, we would completely tear apart aircraft like the F-35 to resolve aircraft issues and install upgrades. I had the opportunity to see the detailed inner-workings of all variants of military aircraft. When I first got to Times, the team thought I would have had vivid memories of working with cables and connectors. The thing is, I didn't—which is a powerful indicator of how reliable they are. We never focused on Times' components because we never had a problem with them. When dealing with systems that impact life or death missions, that sense of reliability is key.

What is a unique way you've seen Times work to ensure that level of reliability?

It's great how early we are involved in the acquisitions process. Our applications engineers are invited very early on in the development of new capabilities so we can integrate in reliable products and configurations from the beginning.

What are some of the ways you're able to integrate your experience into your work?

At one of our all-hands meetings, our General Manager Bill Callahan asked "Who is our customer?" While an outsider might think our customers are businesses, we view our customers as the end-user. Whether it is a pilot or weapon systems officer, we keep in mind that our products are used not just on equipment, but are part of missions with real, tangible outcomes. Our customer is not just a pilot in a seat, but a real person with a full life. In everything I do at Times, I keep in mind specific servicemembers I've encountered over my military career and visualize how they would use every product.

While we extend our year-round thanks for the valiant contributions of veterans, May is brimming with opportunities to show extra appreciation. We are proud to have members of the U.S. Armed Forces as part of the Times Microwave Systems family.

Thank you to all who have served and continue to serve.

