

## **A-10 Cs Refueled And Rearmed For The First Time On A U.S. Highway During Northern Agility Exercise**



**The A-10 Cs were refueled and rearmed throughout Northern Agility 22 -1 that showed operations in austere environments under the U.S. Air Force’s Agile Combat Employment teaching through various circumstances.**

About a year after the very first workout of this kind, the U.S. Air Force carried out a brand-new workout on a state highway on June 19, 2022. The occasion belonged to the bigger Northern Agility 22 -1 workout held by the Air National Guard, Air Force Special Operations Command and Air Force Reserves in Michigan to show the Agile Combat Employment teaching and prepare aircrews for operations in austere environments.

A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, MC-12 W Liberties, C-145 Combat Coyotes, U-28 A Dracos and C-146 A Wolfhounds were associated with the highway operations, which saw them landing on a closed 9,000-foot area of Michigan highway M-28, carry out Integrated Combat Turns and departure once again. This is the very first time that ICTs, which allow the fast rearming and refueling of a running jet, have actually ever been carried out on a public highway in the U.S., according to the ANG press release.

Here's a clip of among the A-10 s landing the other day on M-28 near Shingleton as part of the National Guard's #NorthernAgility workouts. [pic.twitter.com/IGmxWWGaJu](https://pic.twitter.com/IGmxWWGaJu)

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"Northern Agility 22 -1 is a historical workout that supports the Air Force's instruction to 'speed up modification or lose,' along with the capability of our Airmen to create fight power anytime, anywhere." stated Brig. Gen. Bryan Teff, assistant adjutant basic and leader of the Michigan Air National Guard. "Michigan is a champ for Agile Combat Employment, so when it pertains to leveraging our state's distinct collaborations, training environment and resources to guarantee the Joint Force remains one action ahead of our foes, today was a big success."

An A-10 taxis and switches on M-28 as part of Operation Northern Agility west of Shingleton today. [pic.twitter.com/9ilx7so1D4](https://pic.twitter.com/9ilx7so1D4)

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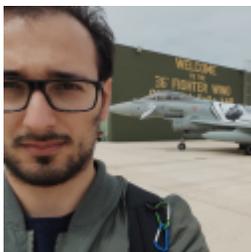
The short-term landing zone, which was active for about 6 hours, is among a number of progressive training situations held throughout Northern Agility 22 -1 in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The landing zone was called "Hawk LZ" in honor of F-16 pilot Maj. Durwood "Hawk" Jones from the Wisconsin ANG's 115 th Fighter Wing, who lost his life in a training mishap in Michigan in 2020.

Northern Agility 22 -1 started on June 27 when KC-135 airplane from the 127 th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, got to Sawyer International Airport and carried out wet-wing defuel operations in preparation for the workout. A wet-wing defuel transfers fuel from the wings of an airplane to another expeditionary fuel bladder or a fuel truck while the engines are still running. In this manner, a refueling airplane can land in an austere environment, unload fuel utilizing the airplane pumps and remove with very little time on the ground.

The highway operations were at first prepared for June 28, nevertheless they needed to be held off due to the fact that of the weather. After the airplane landed, contrary to in 2015's workout, they got fuel and inert weapons as part of the Integrated Combat Turns, prior to removing once again for their training objectives. The ICTs allowed the fast rearming and refueling of a running jet to minimize the aircrew's ground time and get them back into the air, so they might provide air power anytime, anywhere to make complex an enemy's choice making.

” What we’re doing here is attempting to do whatever we can do to remain one action from our foes,” Northern Agility 22 -1 Exercise Director Lt. Col. Brian Wyrzykowski stated to reporters. “If we can produce fight airpower from a public highway, we can do it from nearly anywhere. If we can run from a highway, we are really unforeseeable and extremely nimble. That’s what we showed here today where you saw the very first incorporated battle turns for modern-day fight airplane on a public highway.”

The Kelly Johnson Joint All-Domain Innovation Center teamed with market partners throughout Northern Agility 22 -1 to show various innovations for enhanced truth to improve the multi-capable Airman principle, fast combination of the Command & Control community, Synthetic Aperture Radar, Advanced Threat Detection and Visualization and other abilities, stated journalism release. In some of the videos launched to the public, an Airman is seen working on the A-10 s countermeasures dispensers while using an Augmented Reality headset.



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