

“Oh dark thirty...”



(Right) Aircrew members AW2 Bob Walker (left) and AT2 Doug Gunther give their plane a thorough safety check - inside and out - before dawn flight operations.
(Below) As dawn breaks, Gunther completes a visual check externally as part of the aircrew's duties before the aircraft takes off.



(Top) VP-9 "Golden Eagles" pilots Lt. Jim Stewart (left) and Lt. Rob Tidball stand in front of their P-3C Orion multi-mission aircraft during pre-flight operations at MCBH, Kaneohe Bay.
(Above left) AT2 Doug Gunther spins one of the plane's four propellers in pre-flight check.
(Above right) View of P-3C Orions awaiting their crews on the flight line as seen through an observer window.

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