

Practical Applications

Applying the military's risk management techniques to your flying isn't practical, of course, so here are some tips you might want to consider:

CONTINUOUS TRAINING

Never pass up an opportunity to get some third-party input on your operations. Grab a favorite CFI, safety pilot or anyone else with more experience and go shoot some approaches, do some landings, or confidence maneuvers. Listen to the critique. Then implement changes.

MANAGE YOUR MAINTENANCE

Airplanes aren't falling out of the sky due to poor maintenance, but knowing your aircraft's status is invaluable. Regularly meet with your A&P to review AD, inspection and preventive maintenance needs, then heed their advice. Don't scrimp on repairs, but take the time to get your hands dirty and understand what's going on with all those systems.

MAXIMIZE YOUR OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Put simply, there's no such thing as too much knowledge about your operations.

