Getting Started with the CACTUS Send Status Feature

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ICS 204 - SORTIE STATUS

What's an ICS 204?

MISSION: **AZ_TEST**

Last Refreshed: 13:18 ZULU

CURRENT TIME: 13:18:22 ZULU

No Filter | Filter by Date
No Filter | Filter by FRO
No Filter | Filter by Sortie Type
No Filter | Filter by Sortie Status

[ADD AIR SORTIE] [ADD GROUND SORTIE] [ADD sUAS SORTIE]

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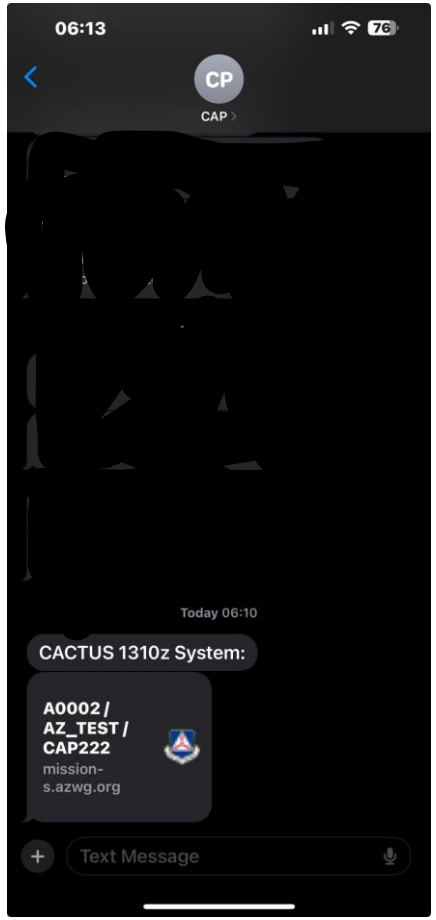
SWR - AZ - Cactus Virtual Command

Timer Reset	Sortie	Callsign	Depart / AOR / Destination	Tasks	ALL TIMES IN ZULU				Crew	Remarks	Actual Hobbs Total (hours)	Actual Fuel / Oil Cost ($)	Timer	Status	CAPSIM	Action
					ETD	ATD	ETA	ATA								
	A0002 2024-07-11	CAP222	ABC ABC	023: Task with local files							0.0	0.00		RELEASED		
	A0012 2024-07-11	CAP222									0.0	0.00		RELEASED		

FRO/Briefer marks CACTUS sortie as RELEASED. CACTUS sends SMS with link to the pilot.

CACTUS Sends a link via text message:



Upon RELEASE, CACTUS sends a link to the pilot's phone to a CACTUS web page for the pilot to send certain status messages to the CACTUS CAPF110 log.

Notice that SORTIE NUMBER, MISSION NUMBER, and CALL SIGN are displayed. This link is specific to one sortie and cannot be reused for a different sortie.

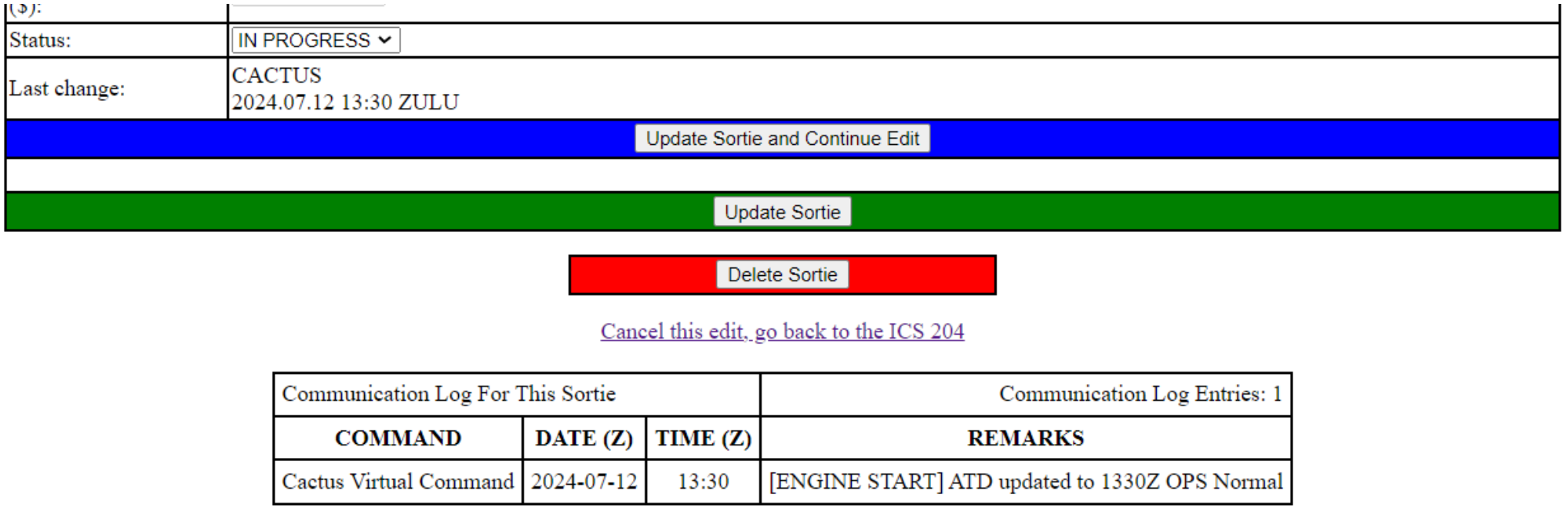
If multiple sorties are released at the same time, pilot must select the appropriate sortie link.

Pilot clicks link to display web page:

The link sent to the pilot, has sortie reference embedded. Rather than call or text FRO, pilot can click one of the available buttons to send a message to the FRO via CACTUS.

At ENGINE START, pilot click's ENGINE START button to send message to CACTUS.

After pilot clicks ENGINE START button:



Status:	IN PROGRESS
Last change:	CACTUS 2024.07.12 13:30 ZULU

Update Sortie and Continue Edit

Update Sortie

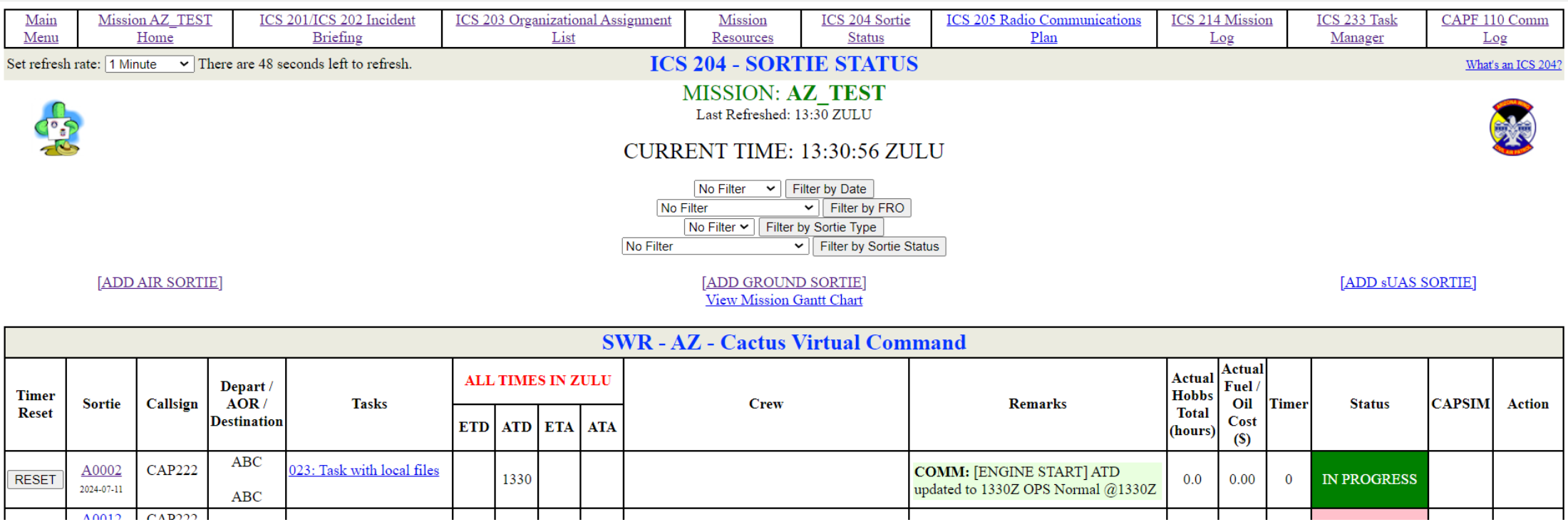
Delete Sortie

Cancel this edit, go back to the ICS 204

Communication Log For This Sortie			Communication Log Entries: 1
COMMAND	**DATE (Z)**	**TIME (Z)**	**REMARKS**
Cactus Virtual Command	2024-07-12	13:30	[ENGINE START] ATD updated to 1330Z OPS Normal

When the pilot clicked the ENGINE START button, a message was sent to CACTUS and logged in the CAPF110 for this sortie. CACTUS sends text message to FRO.

After pilot clicks ENGINE START button:



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ICS 204 - SORTIE STATUS

What's an ICS 204?

MISSION: **AZ_TEST**

Last Refreshed: 13:30 ZULU

CURRENT TIME: 13:30:56 ZULU

No Filter | Filter by Date
No Filter | Filter by FRO
No Filter | Filter by Sortie Type
No Filter | Filter by Sortie Status

[ADD AIR SORTIE] [ADD GROUND SORTIE] [ADD sUAS SORTIE]

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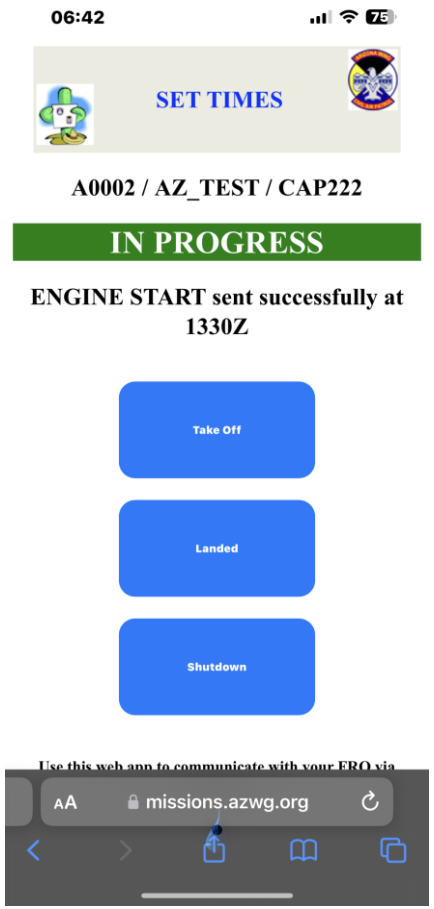
Timer Reset	Sortie	Callsign	Depart / AOR / Destination	Tasks	ALL TIMES IN ZULU				Crew	Remarks	Actual Hobbs Total (hours)	Actual Fuel / Oil Cost ($)	Timer	Status	CAPSIM	Action
					ETD	ATD	ETA	ATA								
RESET	A0002 2024-07-11	CAP222	ABC ABC	023: Task with local files		1330				**COMM:** [ENGINE START] ATD updated to 1330Z OPS Normal @1330Z	0.0	0.00	0	IN PROGRESS		

When the pilot clicked the ENGINE START button, a message was sent to CACTUS and logged in the CAPF110 for this sortie and a workflow was triggered to send an SMS to the FRO and to update the sortie status to IN PROGRESS.

After pilot clicks ENGINE START



At or before take-off, pilot clicks TAKE OFF button to send message to CACTUS CAPF110 log.

After pilot clicks TAKE OFF

Actual Hobbs Total (hours):	0.0
Actual Fuel / Oil Cost ($):	0.00
Status:	IN PROGRESS
Last change:	CACTUS 2024.07.12 13:46 ZULU

Update Sortie and Continue Edit

Update Sortie

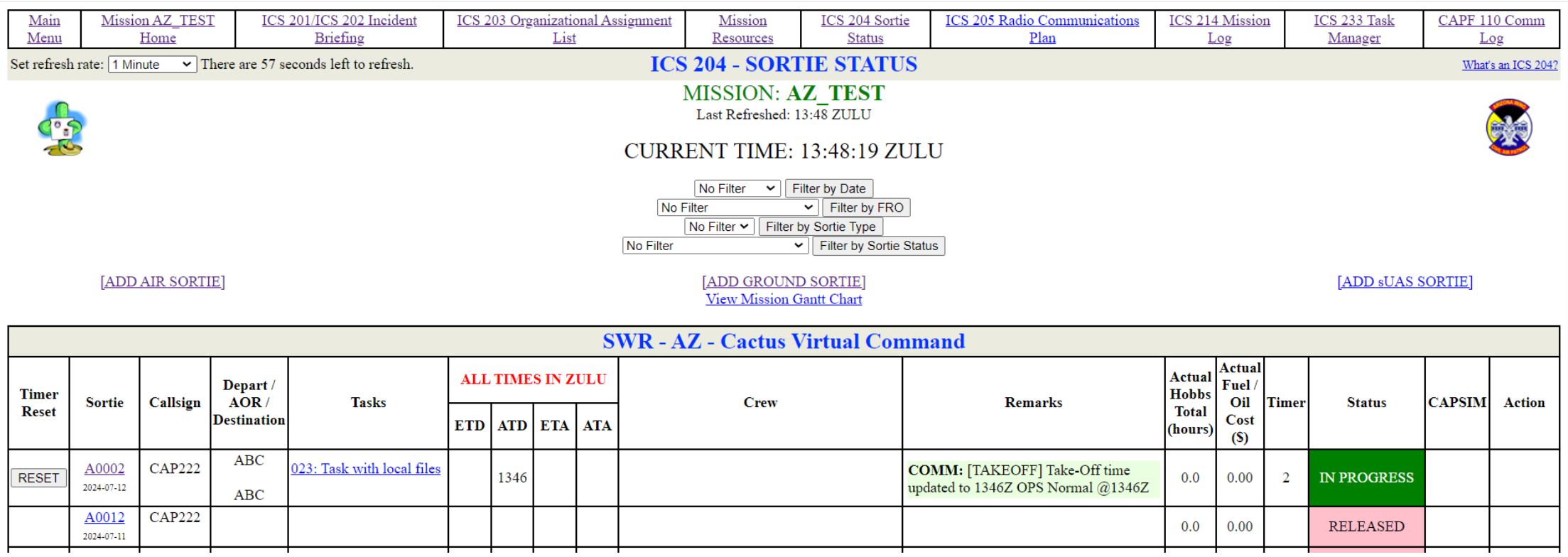
Delete Sortie

Cancel this edit, go back to the ICS 204

Communication Log For This Sortie			Communication Log Entries: 2
COMMAND	**DATE (Z)**	**TIME (Z)**	**REMARKS**
Cactus Virtual Command	2024-07-12	13:46	[TAKEOFF] Take-Off time updated to 1346Z OPS Normal
Cactus Virtual Command	2024-07-12	13:30	[ENGINE START] ATD updated to 1330Z OPS Normal

When the pilot clicked the TAKE OFF button, a message was sent to CACTUS and logged in the CAPF110 for this sortie. CACTUS sends text message to FRO.

After pilot clicks TAKE OFF



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ICS 204 - SORTIE STATUS

What's an ICS 204?

MISSION: **AZ_TEST**

Last Refreshed: 13:48 ZULU

CURRENT TIME: 13:48:19 ZULU

No Filter | Filter by Date
No Filter | Filter by FRO
No Filter | Filter by Sortie Type
No Filter | Filter by Sortie Status

[ADD AIR SORTIE] [ADD GROUND SORTIE] [ADD sUAS SORTIE]

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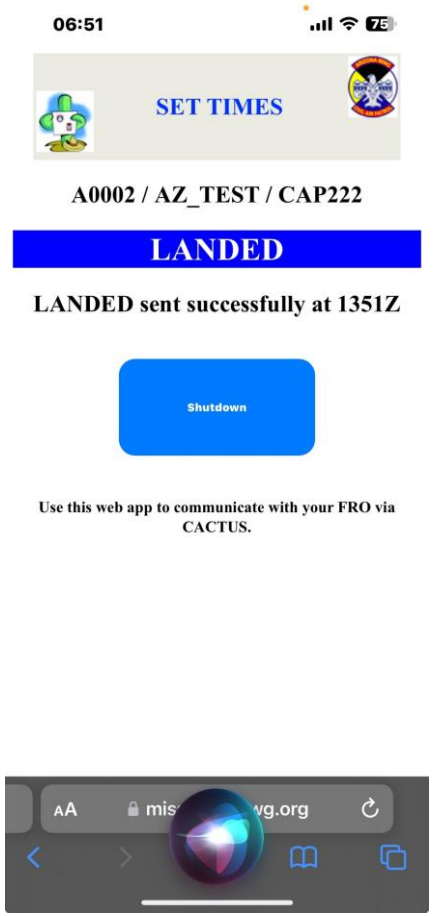
SWR - AZ - Cactus Virtual Command

Timer Reset	Sortie	Callsign	Depart / AOR / Destination	Tasks	ALL TIMES IN ZULU				Crew	Remarks	Actual Hobbs Total (hours)	Actual Fuel / Oil Cost ($)	Timer	Status	CAPSIM	Action
					ETD	ATD	ETA	ATA								
RESET	A0002 2024-07-12	CAP222	ABC ABC	023: Task with local files		1346				**COMM:** [TAKEOFF] Take-Off time updated to 1346Z OPS Normal @1346Z	0.0	0.00	2	IN PROGRESS		
	A0012 2024-07-11	CAP222									0.0	0.00		RELEASED		

When pilot clicked the TAKE OFF button, the message was sent to CACTUS CAPF110 and displayed on the sortie information page.

After pilot clicks LANDED



After pilot clicks LANDED

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ICS 204 - SORTIE STATUS

What's an ICS 204?

MISSION: **AZ_TEST**

Last Refreshed: 13:54 ZULU

CURRENT TIME: 13:54:12 ZULU

No Filter | Filter by FRO

No Filter | Filter by Sortie Type

No Filter | Filter by Sortie Status

[ADD AIR SORTIE] [ADD GROUND SORTIE] [ADD sUAS SORTIE]

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SWR - AZ - Cactus Virtual Command

Timer Reset	Sortie	Callsign	Depart / AOR / Destination	Tasks	ALL TIMES IN ZULU				Crew	Remarks	Actual Hobbs Total (hours)	Actual Fuel / Oil Cost ($)	Timer	Status	CAPSIM	Action
					ETD	ATD	ETA	ATA								
	A0002 2024-07-12	CAP222	ABC ABC	023: Task with local files		1346				**COMM:** [LANDED] Landing time updated to 1351Z OPS Normal @1351Z	0.0	0.00		LANDED		CAPF 104b

When the pilot clicked the LANDED button, a message was sent to CACTUS and logged in the CAPF110 for this sortie. CACTUS workflow is triggered to set the sortie status to LANDED.

After pilot clicks LANDED

Actual Fuel / Oil Cost ($):	0.00
Status:	LANDED
Last change:	CACTUS 2024.07.12 13:51 ZULU

Update Sortie and Continue Edit

Update Sortie

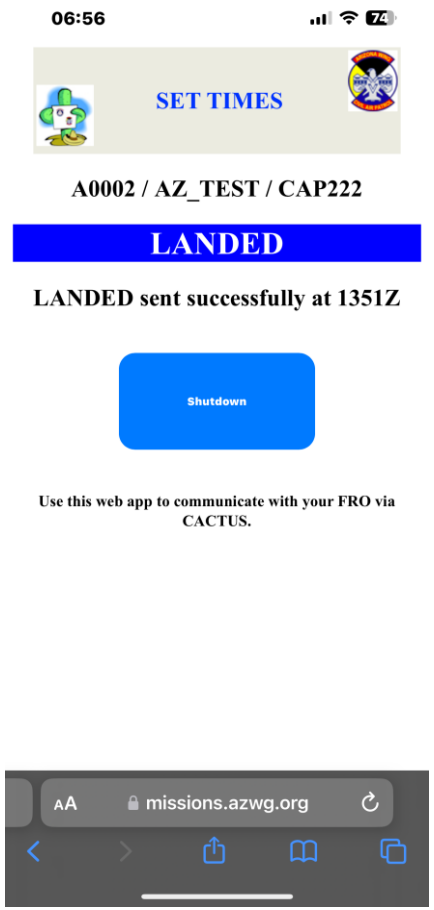
Delete Sortie

Cancel this edit, go back to the ICS 204

Communication Log For This Sortie			Communication Log Entries: 3
COMMAND	**DATE (Z)**	**TIME (Z)**	**REMARKS**
Cactus Virtual Command	2024-07-12	13:51	[LANDED] Landing time updated to 1351Z OPS Normal
Cactus Virtual Command	2024-07-12	13:46	[TAKEOFF] Take-Off time updated to 1346Z OPS Normal
Cactus Virtual Command	2024-07-12	13:30	[ENGINE START] ATD updated to 1330Z OPS Normal

When the pilot clicked the LANDED button, a message was sent to CACTUS and logged in the CAPF110 for this sortie. CACTUS sends text message to FRO.

Pilot clicks SHUTDOWN



Pilot clicks SHUTDOWN

(hours):	
Actual Fuel / Oil Cost ($):	0.00
Status:	DE-BRIEFING
Last change:	CACTUS 2024.07.12 13:56 ZULU

Update Sortie and Continue Edit

Update Sortie

Delete Sortie

Cancel this edit, go back to the ICS 204

Communication Log For This Sortie			Communication Log Entries: 4
COMMAND	**DATE (Z)**	**TIME (Z)**	**REMARKS**
Cactus Virtual Command	2024-07-12	13:56	[SHUTDOWN] ATA updated to 1356Z
Cactus Virtual Command	2024-07-12	13:51	[LANDED] Landing time updated to 1351Z OPS Normal
Cactus Virtual Command	2024-07-12	13:46	[TAKEOFF] Take-Off time updated to 1346Z OPS Normal
Cactus Virtual Command	2024-07-12	13:30	[ENGINE START] ATD updated to 1330Z OPS Normal

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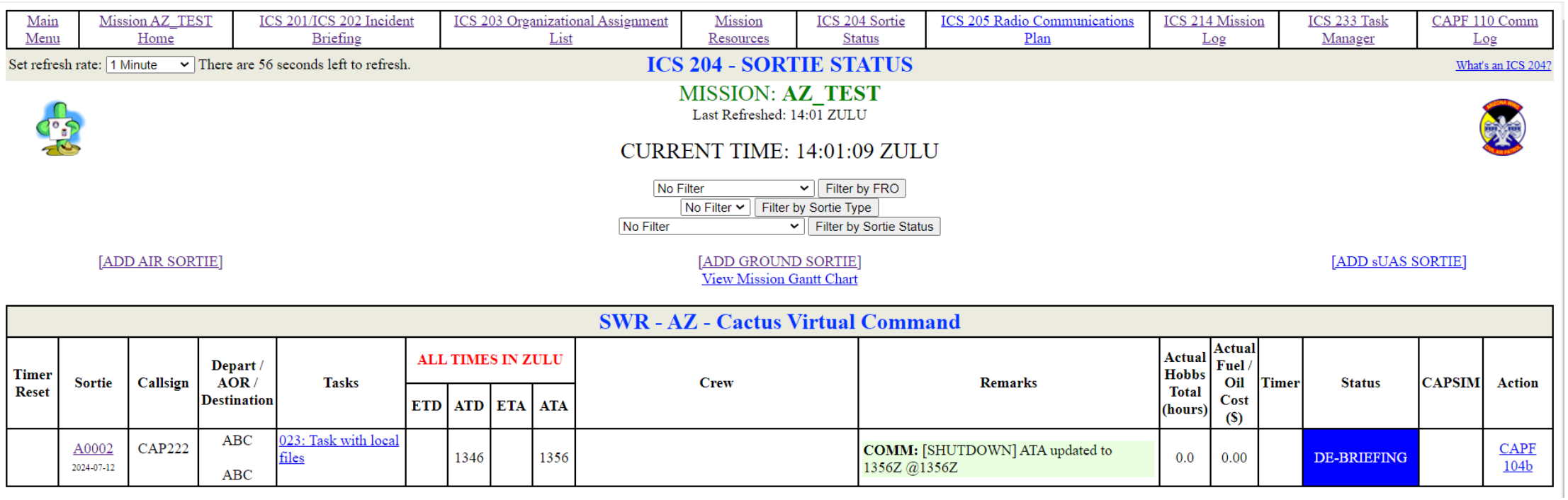
Pilot clicks SHUTDOWN



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Last Refreshed: 14:01 ZULU

CURRENT TIME: 14:01:09 ZULU

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	A0002 2024-07-12	CAP222	ABC ABC	023: Task with local files		1346		1356		**COMM:** [SHUTDOWN] ATA updated to 1356Z @1356Z	0.0	0.00		DE-BRIEFING		CAPF 104b

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After pilot clicks SHUTDOWN

Once the pilot clicks SHUTDOWN, this link is no longer active. It cannot be used for another sortie. Each sortie will have it's own specific link as the sortie identity is embedded in the link.

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