What is claimed is:

1. A method involving a component comprising a first fastener aperture that extends through the component, the method comprising:

machining the component to enlarge the first fastener aperture to provide an enlarged aperture, wherein the component comprises a flange and the first fastener aperture that extends through the flange, wherein the component comprises metallic material and composite material attached to the metallic material, and wherein the metallic material forms the flange;

friction plug welding the component to plug the enlarged aperture with friction plug welded material; and

machining a second fastener aperture in the friction plug welded material, the second fastener aperture extending through the component.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the component comprises a flange and the first fastener aperture that extends through the flange.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the component comprises metallic material and composite material attached to the metallic material, and the metallic material forms the flange.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the friction plug welding comprises:

spinning a plug about a longitudinal axis of the plug; and

moving the spinning plug along the longitudinal axis into the enlarged aperture.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the moving of the spinning plug comprises pushing the spinning plug along the longitudinal axis into the enlarged aperture.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the moving of the spinning plug comprises pulling the spinning plug along the longitudinal axis into the enlarged aperture.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising removing a portion of the friction plug welded material that projects out from the flange before the machining of the second fastener aperture.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the machining of the component comprises removing a damaged portion of the component.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the machining of the component comprises removing pitted material from component.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the machining of the component comprises removing corroded material from the component.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein

the first fastener aperture has a first cross-sectional area; and

the second fastener aperture has a second cross-sectional area that is different the first cross-sectional area.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein

the first fastener aperture has a first cross-sectional shape; and

the second fastener aperture has a second cross-sectional shape that is different from the first cross-sectional shape.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein

the first fastener aperture extends axially through the component along a first axis; and

the second fastener aperture extends axially through the component along a second axis which is substantially co-axial with the first axis.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the component comprises an aluminum alloy.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein the component comprises a case for a gas turbine engine.

16. A method involving a tubular fan case structure of a gas turbine engine, the fan case structure comprising an annular flange and a first fastener aperture that extends through the flange, and the flange comprising metallic material, the method comprising:

enlarging the first fastener aperture to provide an enlarged aperture;

friction plug welding the flange to plug the enlarged aperture with friction plug welded material, wherein the fan case structure further comprises composite material attached to the metallic material via a composite material adhesive, and wherein heat generated during the friction plug welding is less than a temperature at which molecular bonds of the adhesive breakdown; and

drilling a second fastener aperture in the friction plug welded material.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the method is operable to be performed without heat treating the flange before or after the friction plug welding.

18. The method of claim 16, further comprising heat treating the flange after the friction plug welding.

19. A method involving a component comprising a defect, comprising:

drilling out the defect to remove the defect from a flange of the component and provide an aperture; and

friction plug welding the component to plug the aperture with friction plug welded material, wherein the component comprises composite material that remains attached to metallic material during the friction plug welding, and the metallic material forms the flange.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising machining a fastener aperture in the friction plug welded material, the fastener aperture extending along an axis through the component.