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# WEEKLY UPDATE

*A Message From Jeff Babione*

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## F-35 JPO Leadership Change

The Department of Defense this week announced upcoming F-35 Joint Program Office leadership changes. On behalf of Lockheed Martin, congratulations are in order for Lt. Gen. Bogdan on his upcoming retirement, and we thank him for his 34 years of dedicated service to our nation. His career accomplishments speak for themselves: a skillful test pilot and proven commander at all levels. Over the past five years, first as the deputy and then F-35 Program Executive Officer (PEO), his commitment and dedication helped lead the program to new heights during some of the most demanding moments in its history.

I also want to congratulate Rear Adm. Winter. The President nominated him to fleet up from his current deputy position to become our next F-35 PEO. He clearly possesses the vision and leadership needed to transition the F-35 from a development to an operational program. We look forward to continuing to work with him as he charts the course for the future of the F-35 program. The DOD also announced Brig. Gen. Eric Fick, Director, Global Reach Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., will assume the role as Deputy PEO. A specific date for these changes haven't been announced, but are expected to occur by early summer.



*Lt. Gen. Bogdan*



*Rear Adm. Winter*

## ALIS Update



Congratulations to the entire F-35 ALIS team on reaching two program milestones. Last week, the ALIS team completed development of the ALIS 3.0 release. While there is still more work to do, this indicates we're on track to complete testing for ALIS 3.0 – in line with a major milestone to finish the SDD phase of the F-35 program.

In more ALIS news, ALIS version 2.0.2 is making great strides with the completion of the validation milestone at Nellis AFB this past weekend. We're working hard to ensure all F-35 units will have the ALIS 2.0.2 upgrade by the end of 2017. Congrats to our Rotary and Mission Systems partners on making significant progress in delivering the next generations of ALIS!

## F-35 Helps Celebrate Italian Air Force 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday

The Italian Air Force celebrated its 94th Birthday Tuesday. Capping the ceremony at Gioia del Colle Air Base, in southern Italy, high-ranking Italian officials were treated to a first of its kind fly-by of an Italian F-35A in arrow formation with Italian Eurofighter jets. Currently, Italy is home to three F-35As and very soon will celebrate the rollout of the first B variant produced at the Cameri FACO. This unique flyover paid tribute to their legacy fighter fleet transitioning to the future fighter they will fly for many years.



## F-35 Finnish Media Tour

The F-35 program currently has eight partner nations and three foreign military sales (FMS) customers. We are excited for the opportunity to add new countries to the program, and Finland is very high on our list. As Finland prepares for a fighter replacement competition of their current F-18 fleet, the U.S. Embassy in Finland initiated a U.S. visit for Finnish media to learn more about the F-35. At the embassy's request, Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth hosted 11 journalists and three embassy leaders today.

They spent the full week in the U.S., starting in DC where they heard from Lt. Gen. Bogdan and end their trip tomorrow after spending an exciting day at Luke AFB. We look forward to many more future conversations with Finland as they work through their fighter replacement process. Our team is doing everything possible to convince them the F-35 we're providing is the best choice for their future defense needs.

## A Great F-35 Spring Golf Tournament... (ok, fish tourney too!)



Finally this week, I want to thank everyone who participated in the F-35 spring golf tournament Friday. I love that our team enjoys spending time with each other outside of work. I am not much of a golfer, so I got my monies worth on swings. I also took the opportunity to do one of the things I love... fish! I caught a really nice sized largemouth bass. Of course, like any good fishermen, I took a picture to prove I am not telling a tall tale. But no worries, when I tell this story in a few years, that fish is going to weigh 10 lbs. It's amazing how they put on weight over time!

To learn more about the F-35, visit the internal [F-35 Central](#), on insideLM, or visit [F35.com](#).

Have a great rest of your week.

