

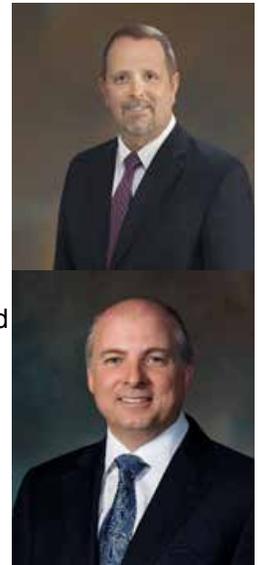


F-35 Program Leadership Change

Earlier this week, Lockheed Martin announced upcoming F-35 program leadership changes. On behalf of the F-35 line of business (LOB), I'd like to congratulate Fred Ross, deputy and vice president, F-35 LOB, for being named vice president of Global Sustainment for Rotary and Mission Systems Operations. Over the past year and a half as my deputy, Fred has been an excellent collaborator across Aeronautics; his commitment and dedication helped lead the program to new heights.

I am also pleased to announce Andy Adams as deputy and vice president of our F-35 LOB, backfilling Fred. With nearly 30 years of Lockheed Martin leadership experience, Andy will help lead the F-35 LOB as we near full-rate production and continue to build the sustainment infrastructure.

Congratulations Fred and Andy on your new roles, and thank you Fred for your many contributions to the F-35 program, you will be missed.



Senate Confirms Former F-35 Leader as Army Undersecretary

This week, Ryan McCarthy received confirmation from the Senate to serve as Army Undersecretary. Ryan began his career in the Army serving in the 75th Ranger Regiment during the war in Afghanistan. Additionally, he worked as a special assistant to then-Defense Secretary Robert Gates and as a staffer in the White House. Most recently Ryan served as vice president of F-35 sustainment, in that role, he successfully partnered with the JPO to transition to a Hybrid Product Support Integrator.

ALIS 3.0 and TMS 2.0 Reach Critical Milestone

Last week, our RMS partners completed the Formal Functional Test for ALIS 3.0 and the Training Management System (TMS) 2.0. Testing was completed one week ahead of schedule and the team found no unexpected errors during the test, achieving a 99.7% pass rate. TMS 2.0 provides user-friendly personnel management and flight scheduling capabilities, and allows users to define flexible training plans. TMS was developed natively within ALIS. Conducting verification within ALIS 3.0 demonstrates the strength of TMS in its operational environment. ALIS 3.0 is on track to finish development by the end of 2017.

Full Circle: Air Force F-35 Pilots Join F-35 Training Team

This month, we set another program first by hiring two retired U.S. Air Force F-35 pilots to support the F-35 training mission. Former U.S. Air Force pilots Todd LaFortune and Christine Mau will soon be fully qualified as F-35 Training instructors at the Academic Training Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

Todd flew F-16s before flying the F-35A with the 58th Fighter Squadron at Eglin, he actually helped set up the ATC as the U.S. Air Force pilot training lead.



“Staying around the fighter community was an easy choice – training the next generation of pilots who will go into combat with this airplane is important work,” said Todd. “I’m proud to be on the Lockheed Martin team.”

Christine has an F-15E background, she went through the Eglin courses in March 2015, and flew the F-35 for two years at Eglin.

“I love christine mauteaching,” said Christine. “You get energy from teaching young folks – in the Air Force, and it’s rejuvenating to teach them and pass on what I’ve learned to the next generation.”



I want to thank both Todd and Christine for their service to our great nation. At Lockheed Martin, we truly value the experience that veterans bring to our workforce, their unique perspectives and industry knowledge enable our team to better serve our military customers. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the F-35 team, your expertise strengthens the quality of pilot training for students from all around the world.

F-35 Basic Course Capstone Flights: 61st Fighter Squadron

Finally last week, the USAF’s first class of Basic-Course (initial qualification) F-35 student pilots conducted their capstone flight exercise featuring F-35 pilots facing off against F-16s in a simulated combat environment. Pictured here is one of Luke’s RAAF F-35As; which supported the exercise. I am extremely excited for what the future holds for this amazing aircraft. The future of F-35A operations is here and the USAF continues to embrace it with each new milestone achieved.

