



Strength in Numbers: F-35B Participates in an Air Power Demonstration

Last week, F-35Bs joined forces with USAF B-1B Lancers, F-15s from both the Japan Air Self-Defense Force and the Republic of Korea Air Force for the first-ever sequenced bilateral mission. The joint training exercise is another example of how the F-35's maturity and further demonstrates the confidence that our customers have in the capabilities of the jet.



“The F-35 embodies our commitment to our allies and contributes to the overall security and stability of the Indo-Asia Pacific region,” said Lt. Gen. David H. Berger, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific. “By forward-basing the F-35, the most advanced aircraft in the world, here in the Pacific, we are enabling the Marine Corps to respond quickly during a crisis in support of Japan, the Republic of Korea, and all our regional partners.”

Great work to everyone who supported this mission both at home and deployed. This is a great example of the F-35 protecting freedoms on the other side of the world. To read more about the mission [click here.](#)

Team Luke Flies 1000th Norwegian Sortie

In other international news, the Norwegian F-35As at Luke AFB completed their 1000th sortie last week. This is an exciting time for Norway and the F-35 program as they prepare to receive their first in country F-35As this November. Completing 1000 sorties gives Norway confidence in this aircraft as they begin to revolutionize their fleet to F-35As. The jet was recovered by a joint Lockheed Martin/Norway maintenance team, pictured here. Team Luke is accomplishing significant milestones for this program and this is just another example of the hard work and dedication by the team.



F-35 Headlines Danish Flag Day



September 5 marks the day where Denmark honors Danish military veterans and personnel who served abroad, known as Flag Day. As part of this celebration, from Sept. 2-5, the F-35 Full Scale Model, and an F-16 were on display for public viewing in Copenhagen outside of the Royal Danish Arsenal Museum. It was a great event with hundreds of people who came out to see the full-scale model and learn more about the future of the Danish Air Force. Denmark won't receive their first F-35 until 2021 but it is great to see the excitement building in the country.

F-35A on the Football Field

Football is back and this past weekend was a great start to the college football season. My alma mater, the Virginia Tech Hokies, notched a victory start the season out right. The Air Force Falcons also came out victorious in their first game of the season and they released a [sneak peek](#) of their latest football helmet design. The helmet, designed as part of the 2017 Air Power Legacy Series and pictured here, might not have a built-in helmet mounted display or night vision camera, but it does a great job honoring the role of the F-35 in the future fleet.



Star-Telegram Recognizes Lockheed Martin's Contributions to the Nation



Before I go this week, I want to draw your attention to an opinion piece posted in the Star-Telegram. For those of you who aren't familiar, the Star-Telegram is a Fort Worth newspaper dating back to 1906 who covers many of the Fort Worth local Lockheed Martin events and milestones throughout the year. In a recent article titled, [Labor Day: Dedicated to American ingenuity and plain hard work](#), written by Mark A. Blondin, General Vice President, IAM Southern Territory, he pays tribute to the men and women who build the F-35 everyday with their hands and with their hearts. I hope you will take a few moments to read his excellent piece and reflect on the important work you all do to support our country.

