Air Force Life Cycle Management Center

Fighters & Advanced Aircraft Life Cycle Industry Days



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F&AA Imperative



"We're the dominant military power until you get within about 1,000 miles of China, and that starts to change."

- ...[his] priorities are "China, China, and China"—and said the Air and Space Forces are the key national security instruments to match and deter China's capability
- "I am oriented on the high-end threat. If it doesn't make China frightened of us, then we've got to really think carefully about why we're doing it..."

DAF Operational Imperatives a. Defining Resilient Space Order of Battle and Architectures b. Achieving operationally optimized ABMS / AF JADC2. c. Defining the "Future of Air Dominance" systems of d. Achieving moving target engagement at scale (air, sea surface, & ground mobile targets). Defining optimized resilient basing, sustainment, and communications in a contested environment f. Evaluating readiness of the DAF to transition to a wartime posture against a peer competitor. g. Modernizing global strike capabilities

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F&AA Portfolio













Top Issues



- Balancing modernization/ maintenance of existing capacity while investing in new capabilities
- Establishing a culture where digital infrastructure, open architecture and DevSecOps rewards innovation, holds contractors accountable, and leverages state of the practice requirements
- Transforming our people, processes, and infrastructure to keep our acquisition airmen in fight and thriving in the post-COVID environment



Roadmap



- Accelerating Change at <u>every level</u>
 - Focusing on affordability & lethality through innovation
 - Think Strategically & Execute Tactically
- Pulling technology maturation, invigorate industrial base, and emphasize on/off ramps for capabilities
- Striving toward the Digital Trinity
 - Digital Engineering, Open Architecture, Agile Software
- Continue to support and leverage International Partner investments



F&AA - Anticipated Opportunities



A-10 Warthog: Strategic parts sourcing, engineering support and modification install teams; mandates and viability upgrades

F-15: Acquire EX aircraft with Open Mission Systems, Artificial Intel, Manned/Unmanned Teaming; legacy service life extension programs and continued FMS partner development

F-16 Falcon: Electronic Warfare Development / Radar Modifications, 3D model proposals and FMS partner development

F-22 Raptor: Improved Sensor Capabilities / EW capabilities, range, secure communications resilient navigation and new weapons

Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA): Un-Crewed weapons systems leveraging autonomy and working with current and future aircraft in support of penetrating counter air

Next Generation Air Dominance (NGAD): Family of Systems designed to outpace the threat in the HCE through the use of digital engineering and open system architecture

