## Headquarters Air Combat Command

#### JSF Range & Airspace Requirements



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### **Overview**



- JSF Program Update
- JSF "Family" of Aircraft
- JSF Operations
- Integrated Avionics Suite
  - Surface Target ID
  - AESA Radar
  - EOTS
  - DAS
- Range Criteria
- Summary









## JSF "101"



- USAF, USN, USMC, and several other countries will be fielding JSF
  - Single seat, multi-role fighter
- Three Variants
  - USAF Conventional Take Off and Landing (CTOL)
  - USMC Short Take Off/Vertical Land (STOVL)
  - USN Carrier Variant (CV)
- USAF purchase is for 1763 aircraft
  - 1-for-1 replacement for A-10/F-16
- JSF will enter USAF inventory ~2010
  - IOC ~2013



## JSF Family of Aircraft





Span (ft)	35
Length (ft)	50.5
Wing Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	460



Weight Empty (lb) 26,664 Internal Fuel (lb) 18,307



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Weight Empty (lb) 29,695 Internal Fuel (lb) 13,400



Span (ft)	43
Length (ft)	50.8
Wing Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	620



Weight Empty (lb) 29,996 Internal Fuel (lb) 19,145



## AA-1 in Flight Test





**Status** 

- 19 flights to date (six in January)
- Plan is 6 flights a month
- Next flight scheduled late Nov 07

- ObjectivesRisk reduction/confirmation
- Basic envelope expansion
- Systems integration

• First Flight was 15 Dec 2006





## JSF Operations

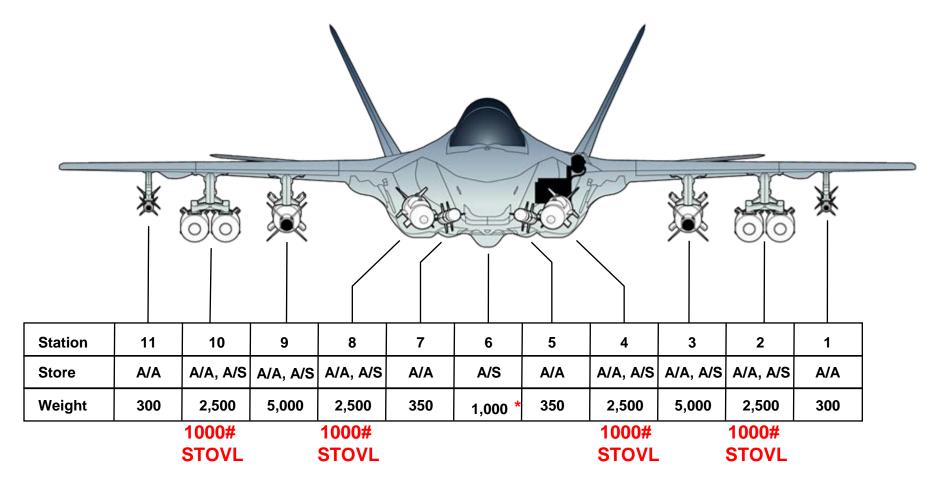


- JSF will be F-18/F-16-like
  - 60/40 mix not built for the "phone booth"
  - Sensor Management/Integration intensive
- Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) Radar much more capable than legacy
  - Tactics require larger amounts of airspace to train realistically
  - Legacy fighters are also being upgraded with AESA
- "Normal" operating altitudes will be in FL300-FL400
  - Does not preclude low/medium altitude training requirements
- "Embedded Training" will change range requirements
  - Strafe only, occasional LGB/J-Series weapons delivery
  - Will require very high fidelity targets for Combat ID



## Weapons Carriage Capability







Stores Fully Certified During SDD



CTOL Internal Gun

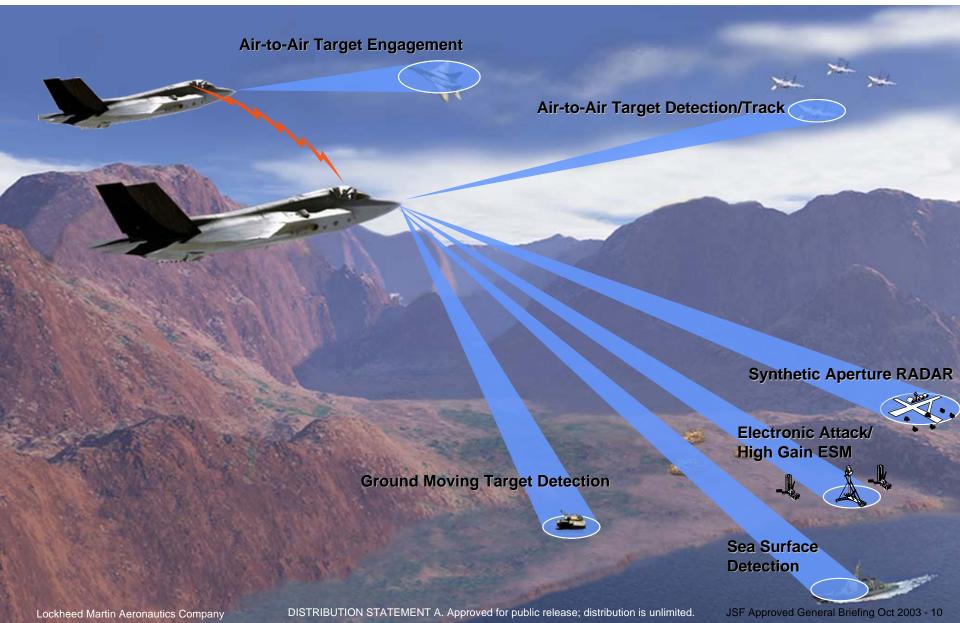


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## APG-81 Radar Advanced Electronically Scanned Array Interleaved Search & Track







## SAR Maps of NAS Patuxent River



#### **Legacy Resolution**

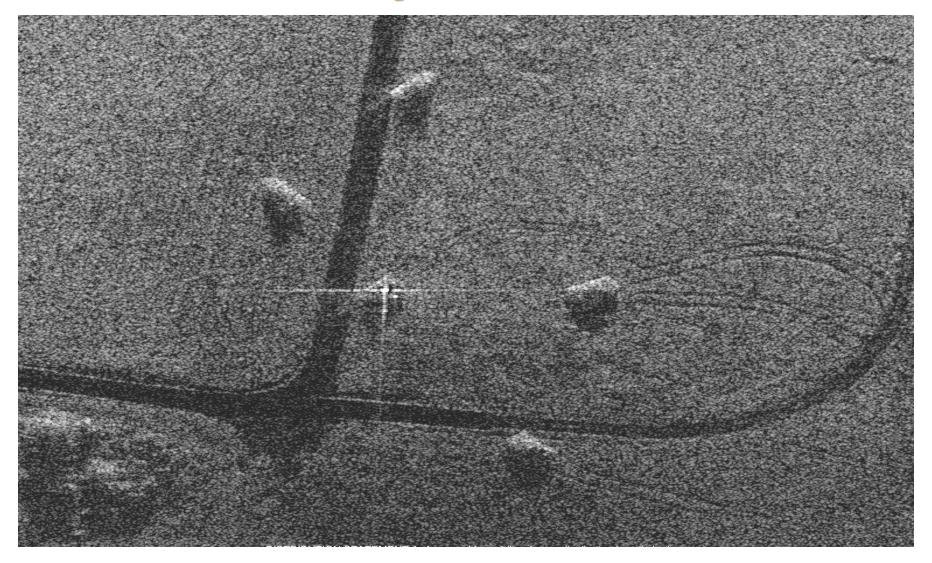




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#### **High Resolution**





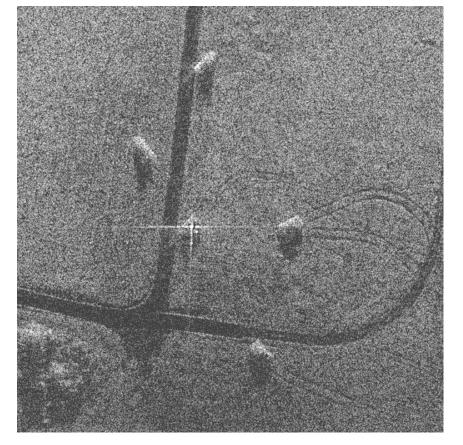
## Targets at NAS Patuxent River



#### **Legacy Capability**



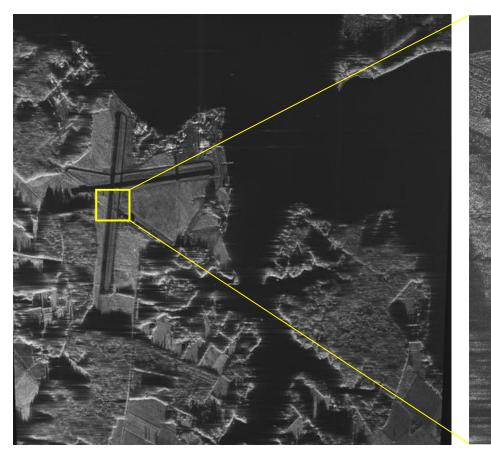
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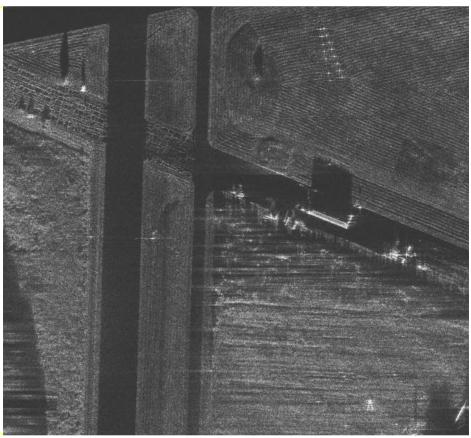




## Long Range SAR Imaging



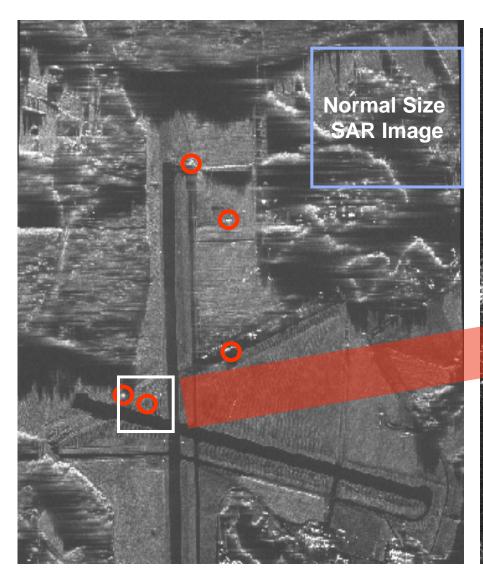


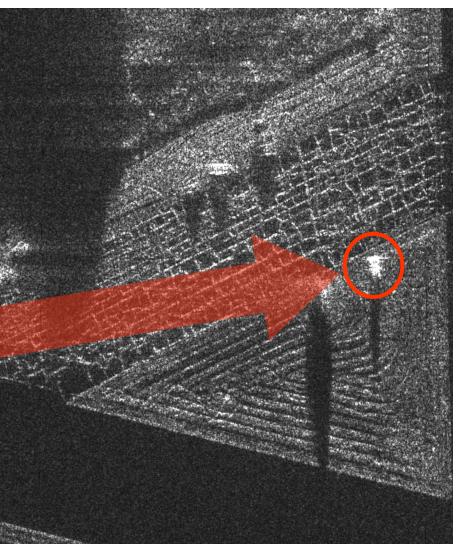




# BIG SAR With Auto Target Cueing (ATC)







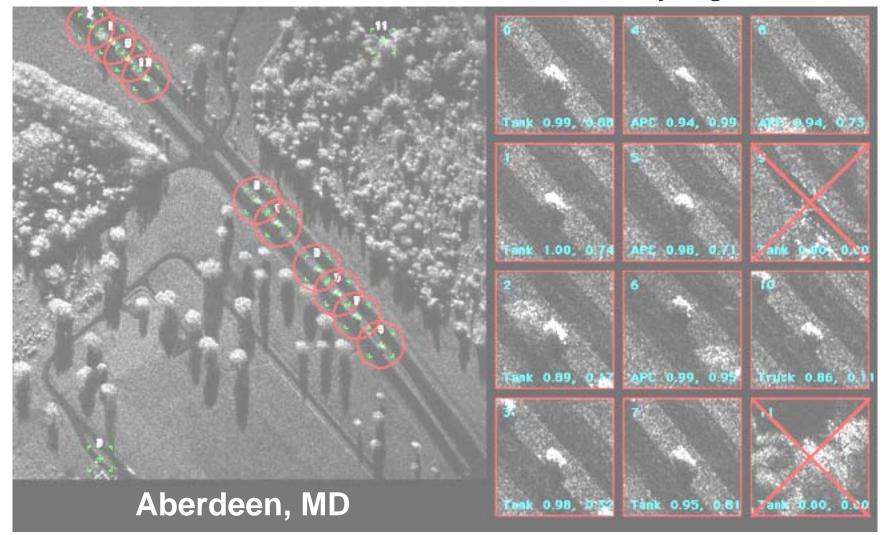


## Automatic Target Cueing



**Candidate targets** 

Military targets recognized Non military targets discarded

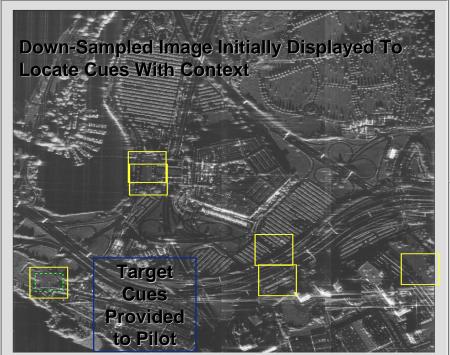


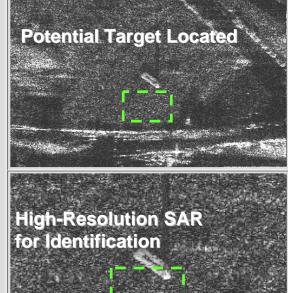


#### Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) Radar

60<sub>11</sub>

Allows Zoom
In/Out Without
Additional
Radiation Time





#### **GMTI Mode**

- •Superimposed on SAR Map
- •Capable at Stand Off Ranges



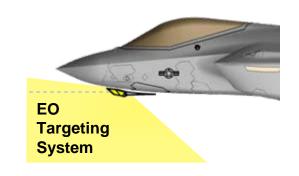


## Advanced Internal Electro-Optical Targeting System (EOTS)



- Internally Mounted
- Long Range, High Resolution
- NAVFLIR, Targeting FLIR, IRST Functions
- Digital Continuous Zoom









## Distributed Aperture System (DAS)



- 360 degree FOV
- Internally Mounted
- AAA Firing Detection
- Threat Aircraft Detection
- Missile Launch Detection
- Track Wingman
- NAVFLIR Functions
- Integrated With HMD





#### Criteria



LEVEL 1 CRITERIA	LEVEL 2 CRITERIA	
RANGE/AIRSPACE	RUNWAY	
Distance to	Number	
training areas	Number	
AG Range	Width	
Capacity	Width	
Range Size AG	Length	
A-G Range	Instrument	
Altitude	Approaches	
Range	STOVL Ops	
Capabilities	0.0.1 ops	
Range Capacity	RAMP SPACE/Flt Line	
AA		
Range Size AA	Parking	
A-A Range	Arm/Dearm Pad	
Altitude		
WEATHER	AUX FIELD	
Main Base	Operational Availability	
Range	Distance	
Aux Field	Altitude	
FIELD ELEVATION	CARRIER OPS	
FLD ELEV	Distance	
TEMPO	AIRSPACE PLUS	
Flight Ops	Airspace Capabilities	
CURRENT MISSION	Low Level Routes	
	SFO	
	Air Refuel	
	ENVIRON	
	Emissions	
	Noise	

- Criteria used to determine base suitability on
  - Level I are fixed (can't change)
  - Level II require MILCON to fix/change
  - Level III are business case to be evaluated during Site Surveys
- Air Staff / AETC / ACC / USN / USMC / UK input
- Educated subjective assessments are required



## Level I Criteria

CRITERIA/BASE	Green	Yellow RED		
RANGE/AIRSPACE				
Distance to training areas	< 120 nm (20 minutes)	>120 - < 150	> 150 nm	
AG Range	≥4 ranges available		< 4 ranges available for	
Capacity	for simultaneous use		simultaneous use	
Range Size AG	> 1600 sq mi (40 nm x 40 nm) collocated in/beside MOA	250 < sq mi < 1600 not collocated with a MOA	< 250 sq mi (25 nm x 10 nm)	
A-G Range Altitude	> 30,000 ft	20,000 < altitude <30,000	< 20,000 ft	
Range Capabilities	Full-Scale weapons/ Impact scoring and Threat Emitters	Inert weapons and limited threat emitters, no Scoring	No inert capability and only limited threat emitters	
Range Capacity AA	≥ 4 A-A ranges available for simultaneous use		< 4 ranges available for simultaneous use	
Range Size AA	≥ 3200 sq mi (80 nm x 40 nm) in MOA	1800 < sq mi < 3200	< 1800 sq mi (30 nm x 60 nm)	
A-A Range Altitude	Sfc floor to 50000	Surface floor to > 25K block	< 25k foot block; no areas to sfc	
WEATHER	<u>≥</u> 3000 & 3mi	≥ 3000 & 3 mi	≥ 3000 & 3 mi	
Main Base	<u>≥</u> 300 days	<u>≥</u> 200 days	< 200 days	
Range	<u>&gt;</u> 250 days	<u>&gt;</u> 200 days	< 200 days	
Aux Field	≥ 250 days	≥ 200 days < 200 days		
FIELD ELEVATION	•			
FLD ELEV	<1000 ft MSL will sufficiently simulate conditions for carrier ops	>1000' - <3000' MSL	>3000 MSL unacceptable	
TEMPO				
Flight Ops	No restrictions to training production at home field, aux field or ranges		Unable to meet training production requirements	
CURRENT MISSION	Compatible or can be moved		Mission can not be moved or operate with JSF	



## Summary



- Very capable sensor suite will require additional airspace to realistically train
  - Begin requesting additional airspace
    - Preferably 10K and up w/ 100x50 mile chunks
    - "J" Series weapons capability
    - Begin Environmental Impact Reports (post BRAC)
  - Priority is for Test then Training then Ops
- Range maintenance will shift from "disposable" targets to very high fidelity targets
- Future DE or Laser tgts?



## **Questions**









## **Backup Slides**