

Six Decades of Guided Munitions

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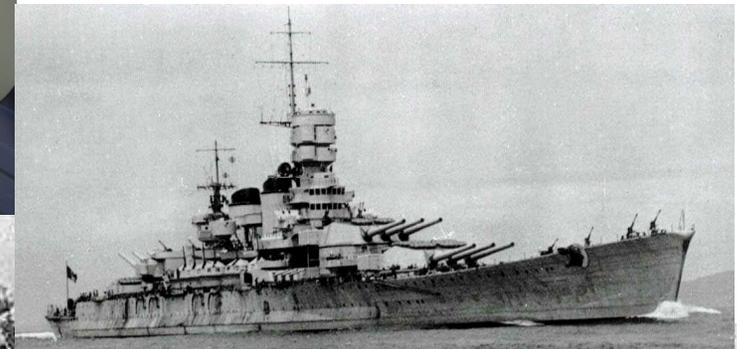
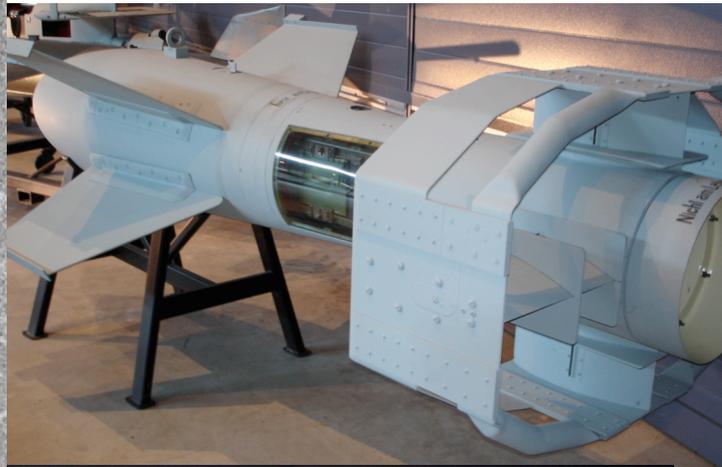
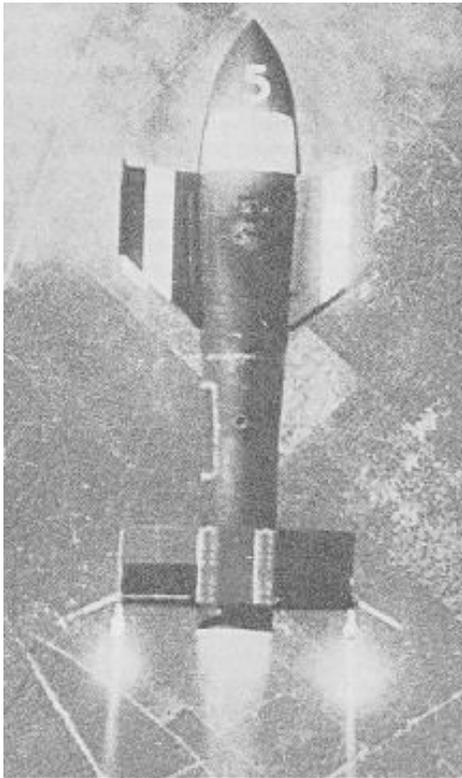
**Precision Strike Association
25 January 2006**

Fritz X (PC 1400 FX)

Radio/wire-controlled German glide bomb

Length: 11.2 feet
Weight Loaded: 3,454 lbs
Warhead Weight: 705 lbs

In September 1943, Do 217 aircraft sunk the Italian battleship *Roma* with 2 Fritz Xs.



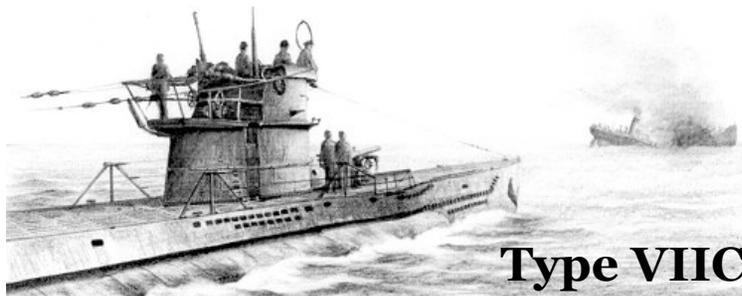
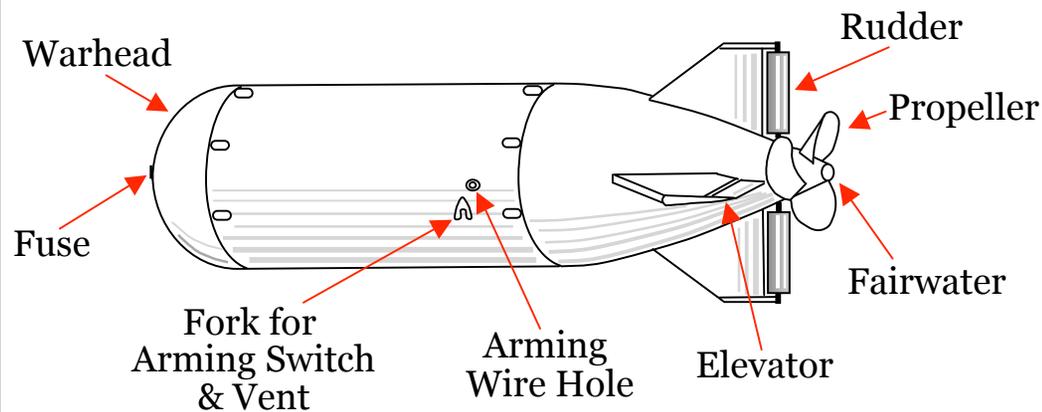


A PBV-5A sunk **U-640** on 14 May 1943—believed to be the first sinking by a Mark-24 torpedo

Credited with sinking **37** enemy submarines & damaging **18** others

Length: 7 ft
 Weight: 680 lbs
 Warhead: 92 lbs Torpex
 Guidance: Acoustic
 Range: 4,000 yards
 Speed: 12 knots

FIDO MARK 24 "MINE"



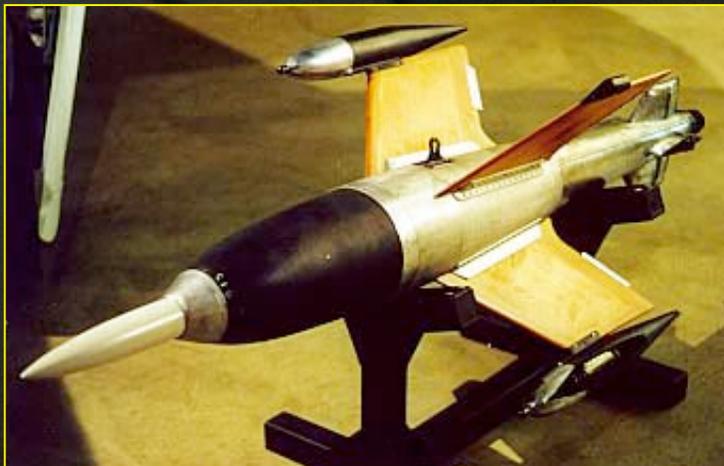
Type VIIC German U-boat



Ruhrstahl X-4

German air-to-air missile

Wire-guided via joystick with
acoustic fuse (B-17 engines)





AIM-7E Southeast Asia

USAF Photo

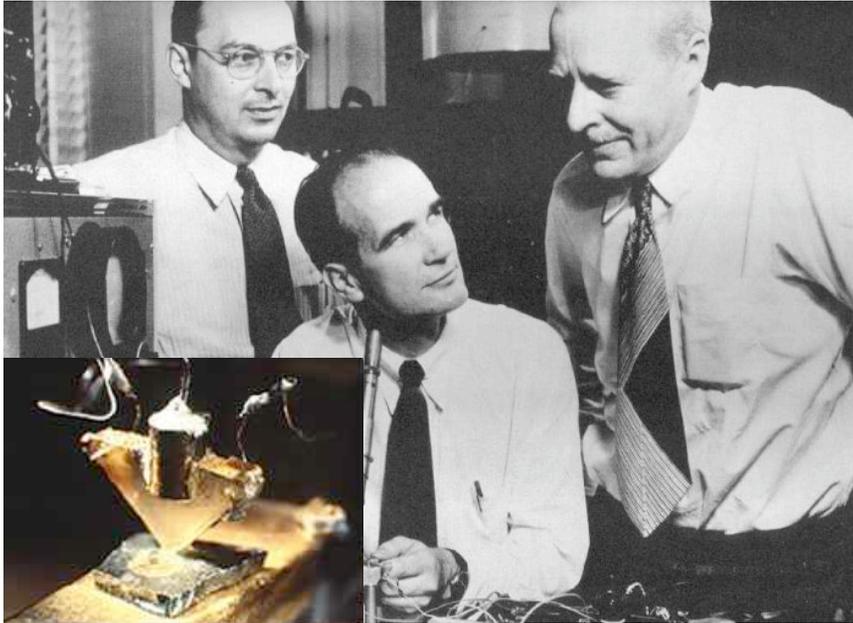
AIM-7D, 7E, 7E-2: Combat Results in Vietnam 1965-73



AIM-7E-2

Firing attempts: 612
Hits: 97 (15.8%)
Kills: 56 (9.2%)*
BVR Kills: 2

** Project Red Baron III, Vol. 1,
Executive Summary, p. 18.*



John Bardeen, William Shockley, Walter Brattain, Bell Labs, 1947



The Nobel Prize in Physics 1956

“for their researches on semiconductors and their discovery of the transistor effect”

The Integrated Circuit, 1958-59

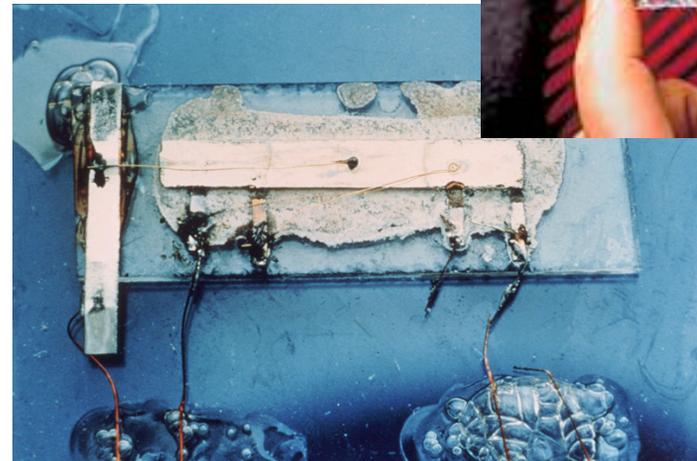
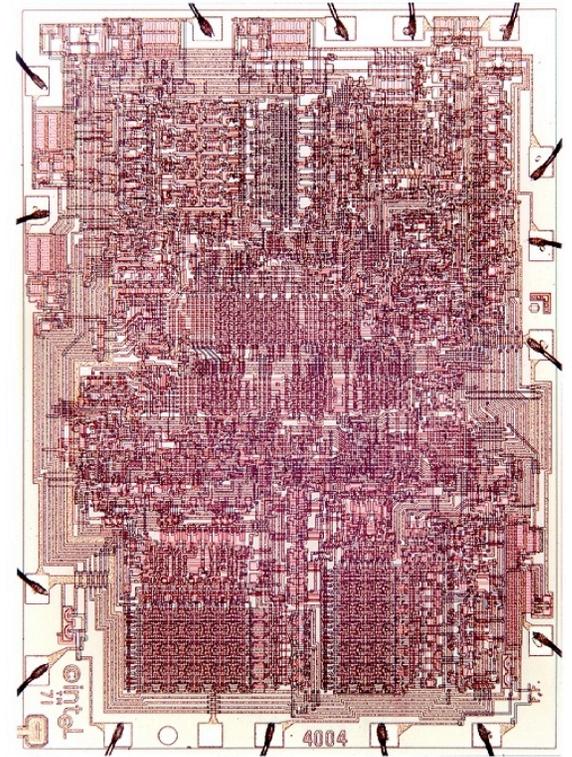
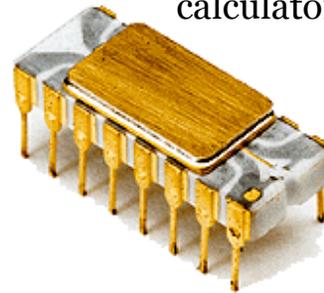
Invented independently by **Jack Kilby** (Texas Instruments) & **Robert Noyce** (Fairchild Semiconductors)

Kilby shared 1/2 the 2000 **Nobel Prize** in physics “for his part in the invention of the integrated circuit”

Intel’s 4004 Microprocessor, 1971

Invented by **Federico Faggin, Ted Hoff, & Stan Mazor**

A 4-bit, 740 KHz, CPU designed for “embedded applications” such as calculators



AIM-7M



AIM-7F (Production 1975-81)



AIM-7M *Decisive Engagement Results in Operation Desert Storm, 1991*

Firing attempts: 44*
Hits: 30 (68.2%)
Kills: 24/26 (54.5%/59.1%)
Initial BVR Shots: 19 (43%)

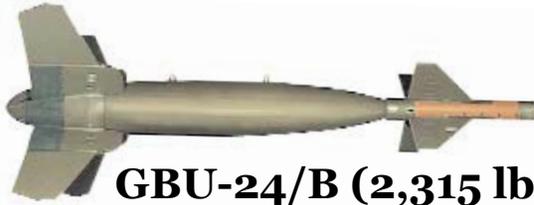
** Omits 44 "expenditures" in logistics records not in decisive engagements*



GBU-28A/B (4,700 lbs)



GBU-10 (2,081 lbs)



GBU-24/B (2,315 lbs)



GBU-16 (1,092 lbs)



GBU-27/B (2,350 lbs)

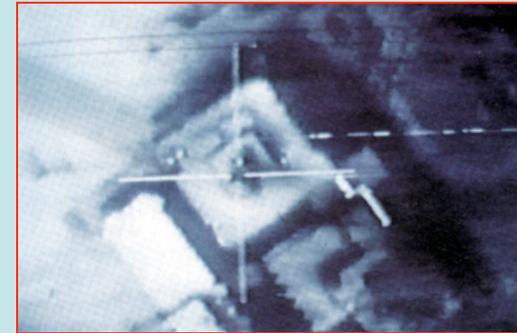


GBU-12 (611 lbs)



GBU-22/B (720 lbs)

F-117 in 1991:



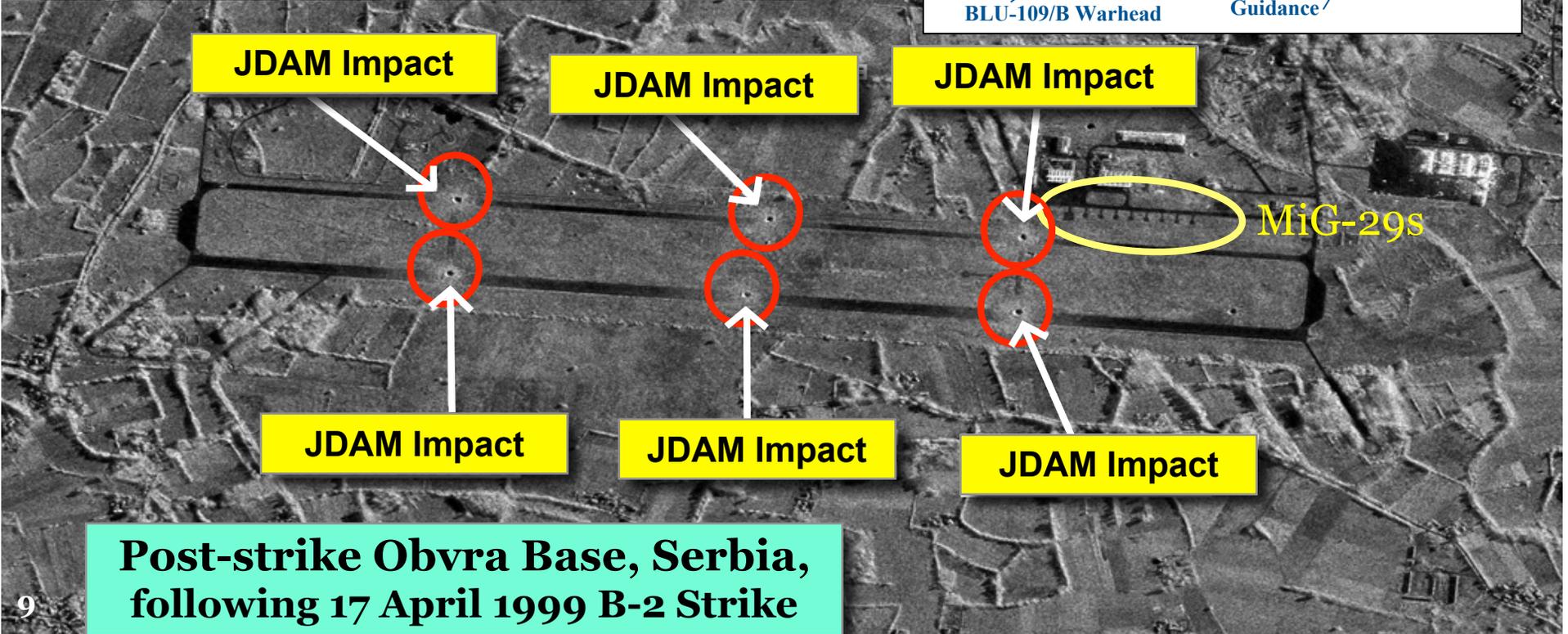
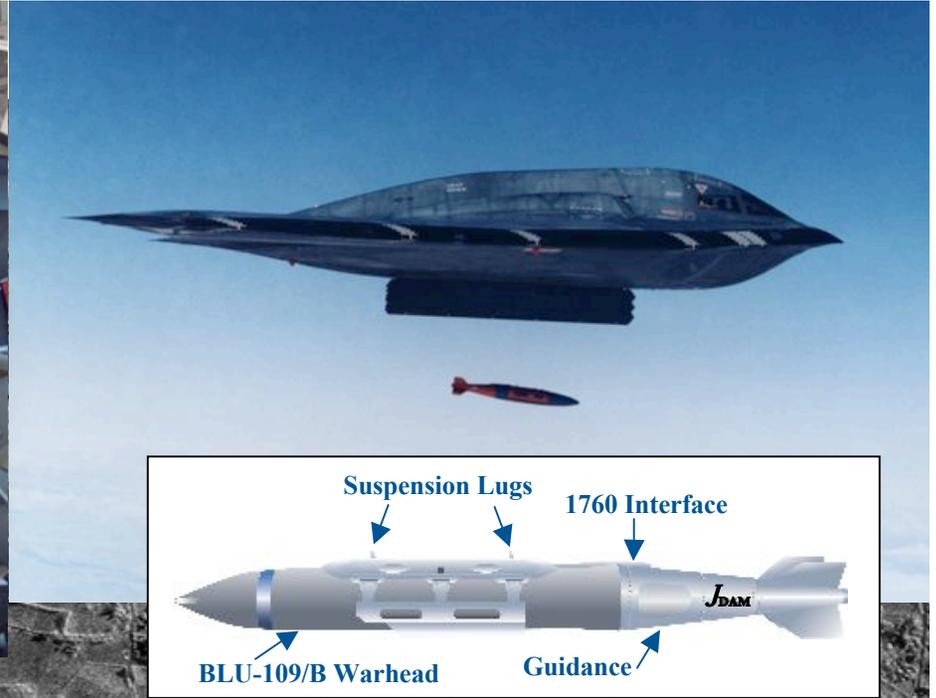
2,065 munitions dropped during 1,299 sorties

- **1,651 Hits (80% excluding no-drops)**
- **414 Misses**
- Clear-air limited

1.4 strikes/sortie versus

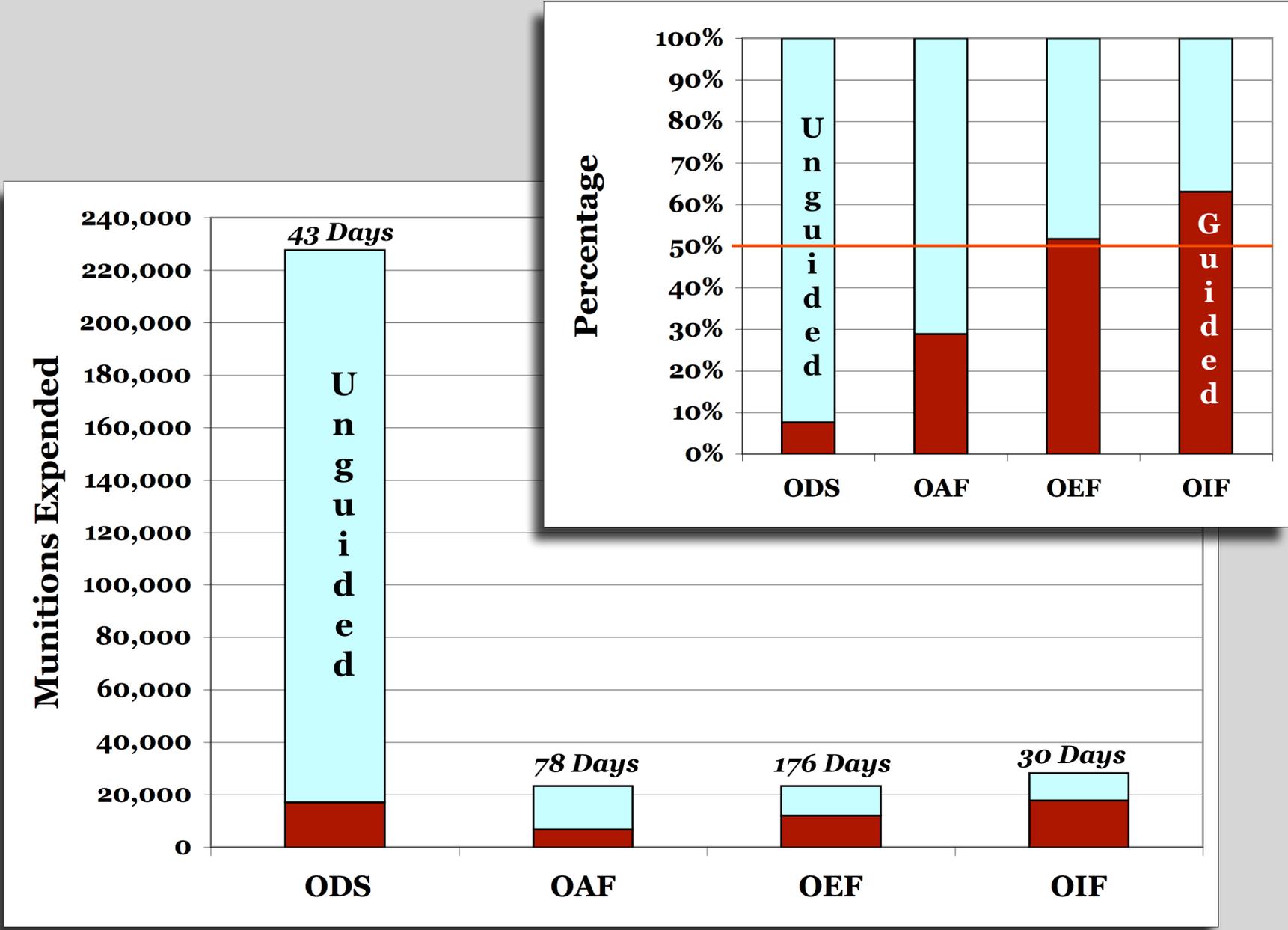
- 0.125-0.250 for F-111Es in Desert Storm
- 0.001 or less for B-17s in WW II



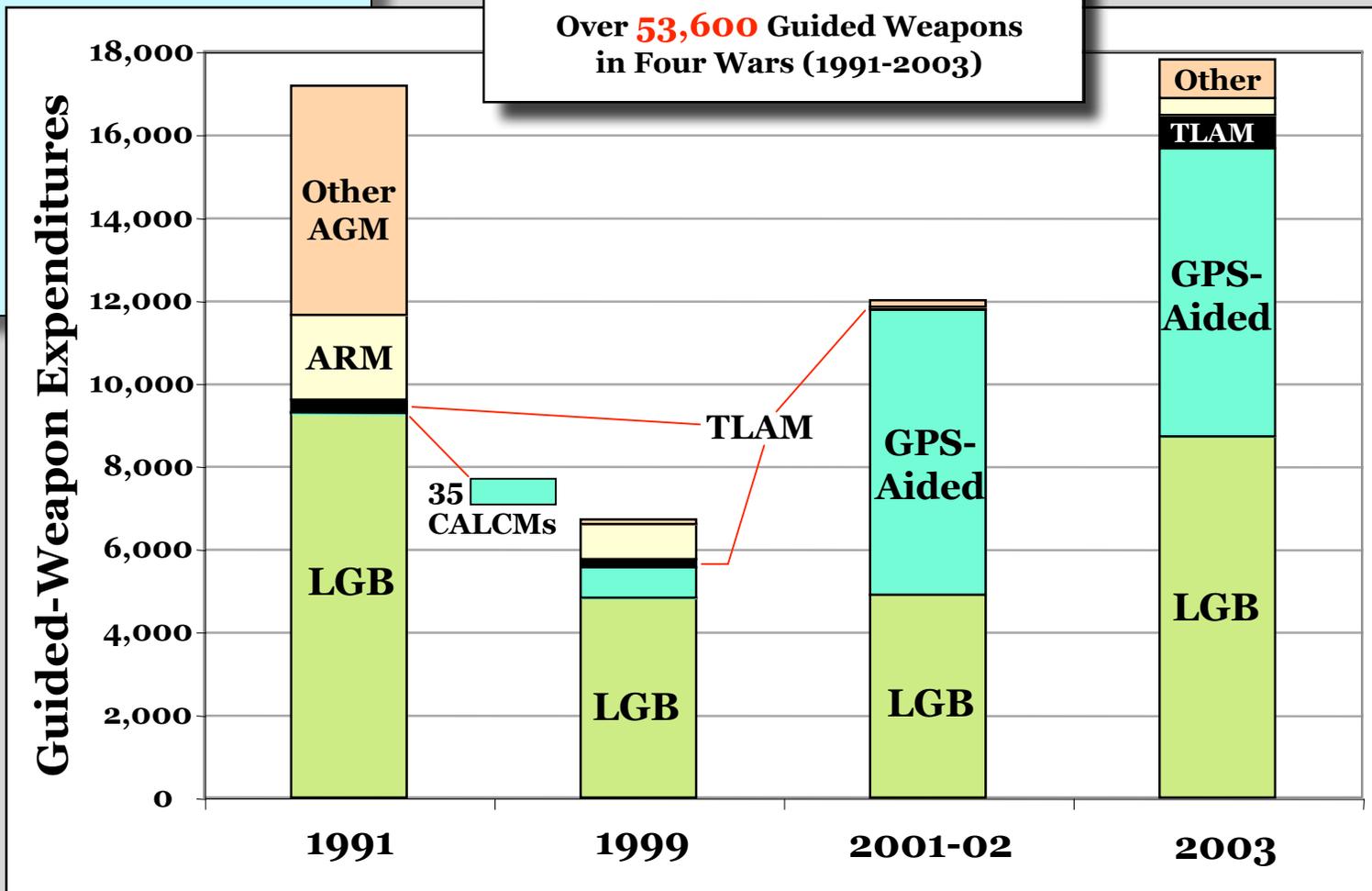
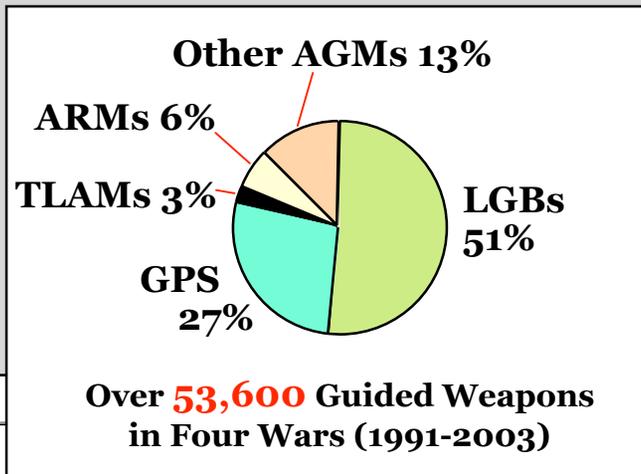


**Post-strike Obvra Base, Serbia,
following 17 April 1999 B-2 Strike**

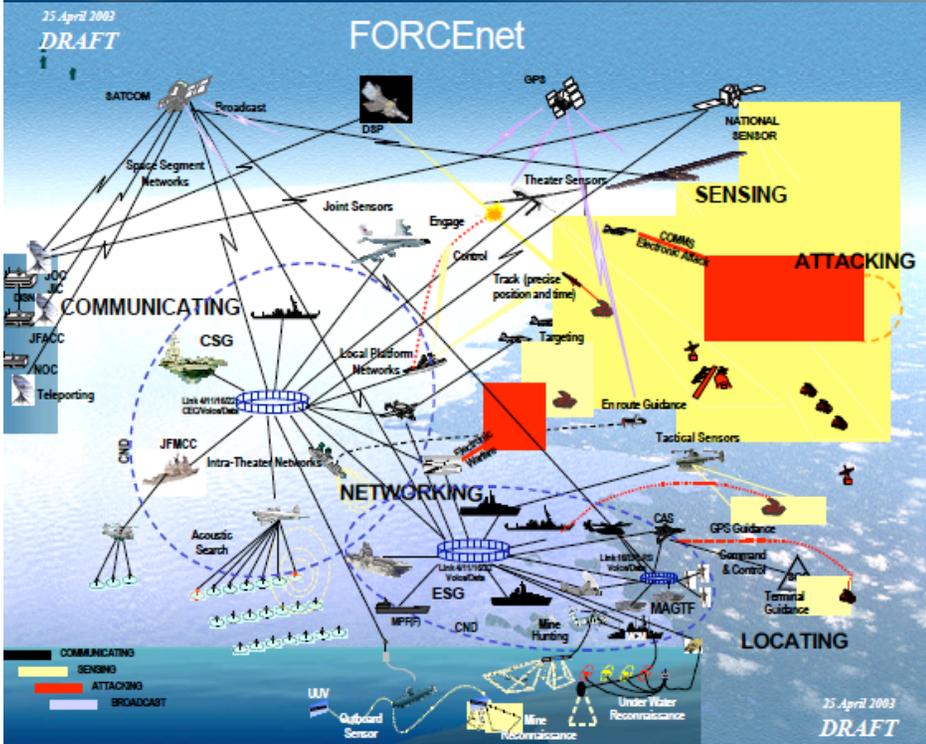




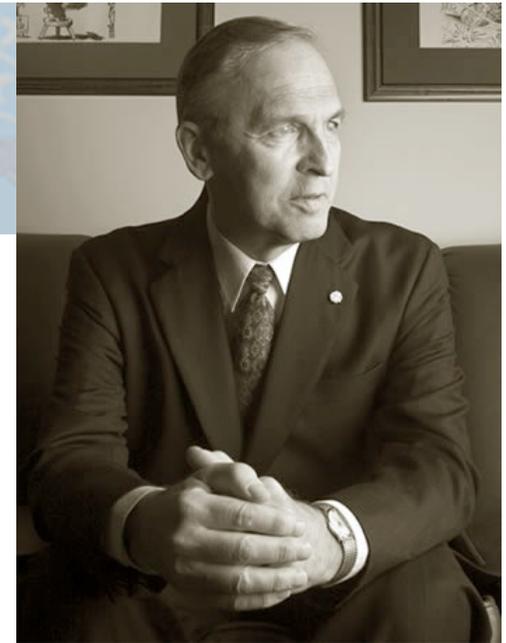
AGM = Air-to-Ground Munion (Maverick, etc.)
ARM = Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM, Shrike)
LGB = Laser-Guided Bomb
TLAM = Tomahawk Land Attack Missile
CALCM = Conventional Air Launched Cruise Missile
GPS = Global Positioning System (mostly JDAM & CALCM)



OFFICE OF FORCE TRANSFORMATION NETWORK-CENTRIC OPERATIONS



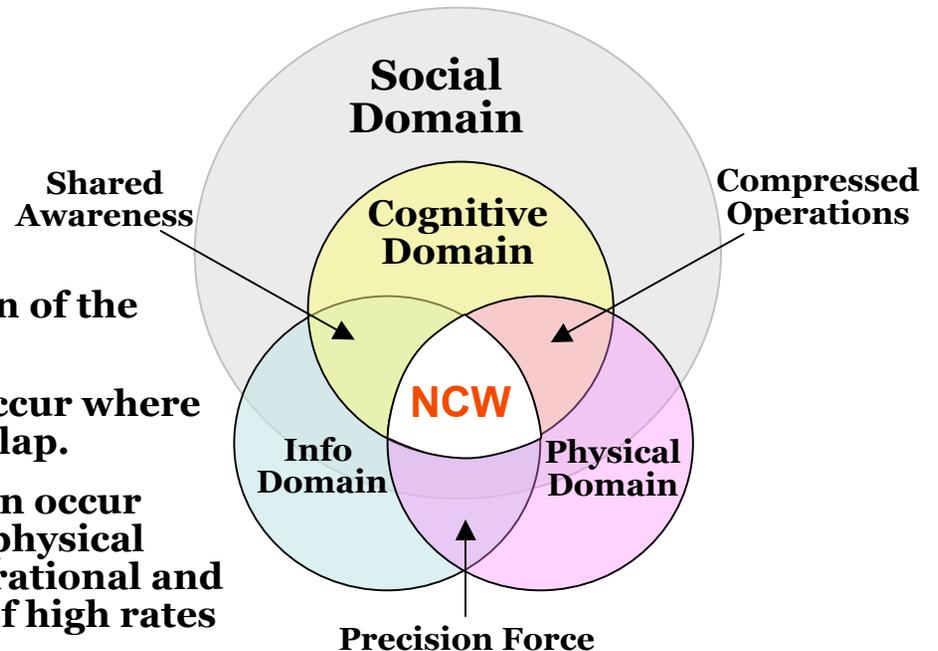
Network Centric Warfare (NCW) exists at the intersection of the social, cognitive, information & physical domains.



Precision force “is created at the intersection of the information and physical domains.”

Shared awareness and tactical innovation occur where the information and cognitive domains overlap.

Time compression and lock-out phenomenon occur within the intersection of the cognitive and physical domains, enabling tactics to give rise to operational and even strategic effects and the development of high rates of change.





***Learning Large Lessons:
The Evolving Roles of Ground Power
and Air Power
in the Post-Cold War Era***

Dr. Dave Johnson

Principal Warfighting Insights

- Today's environment:
 - Fixed-winged air power, enabled by C4ISR, largely operates with impunity, setting the conditions for:
 - Air dominance of a theater
 - Effective attack of enemy fielded forces at the strategic and operational levels
 - Joint force dominant maneuver
 - Ground power, enabled by air dominance is:
 - The decisive element at the tactical level (where situational awareness is still problematic)
 - The key at the strategic level in achieving national objectives after the warfight

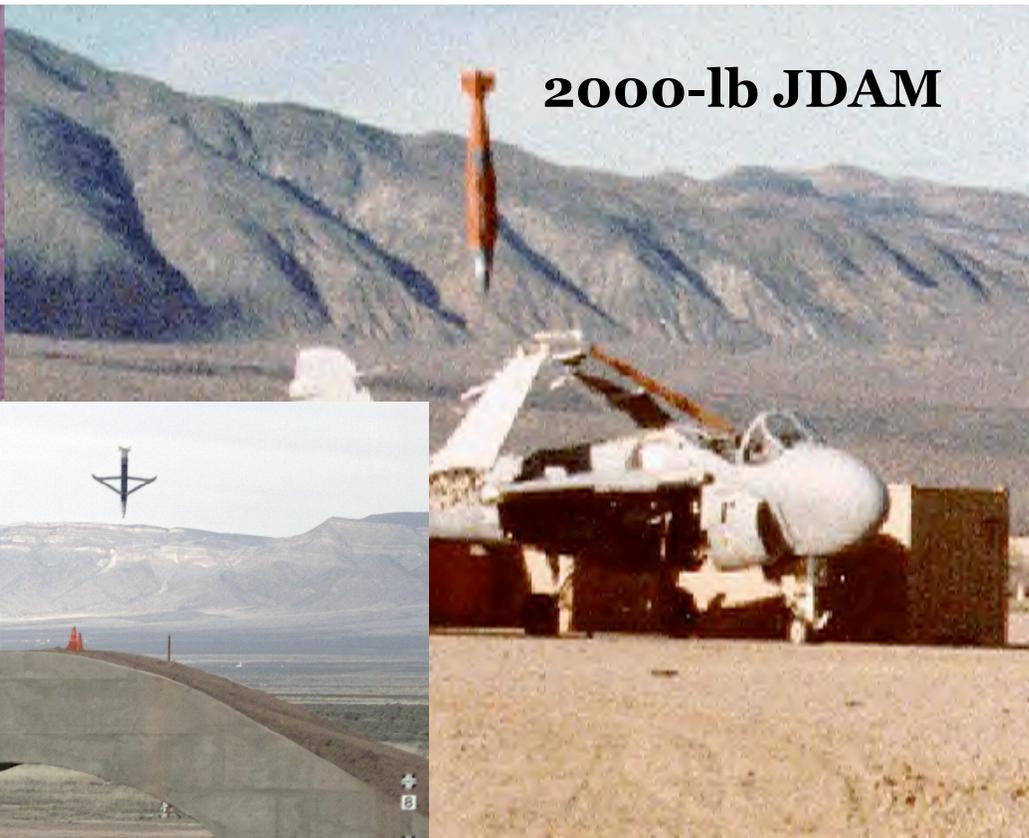
The OIF Operational Realities

- Total Apache deep attack sorties: < 80
- Fixed-wing KI/CAS DMPIs struck: > 15,500

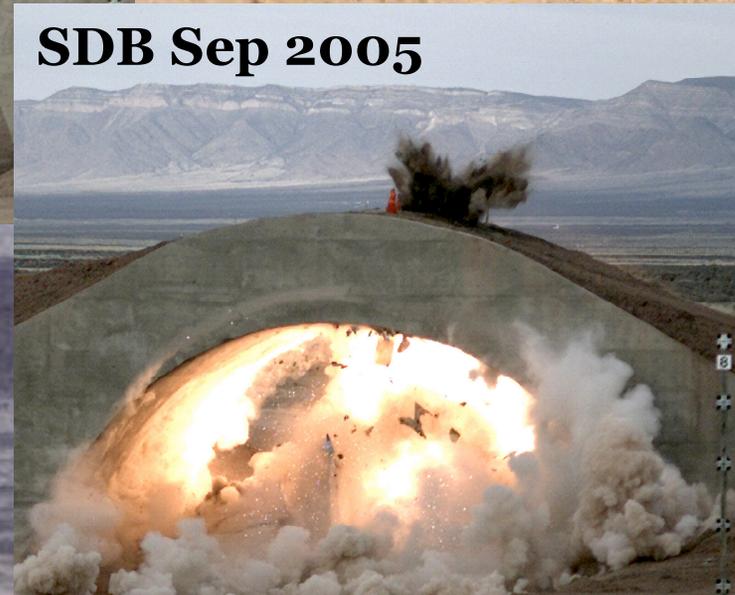
Paveway II LGB
Mar 2002



2000-lb JDAM



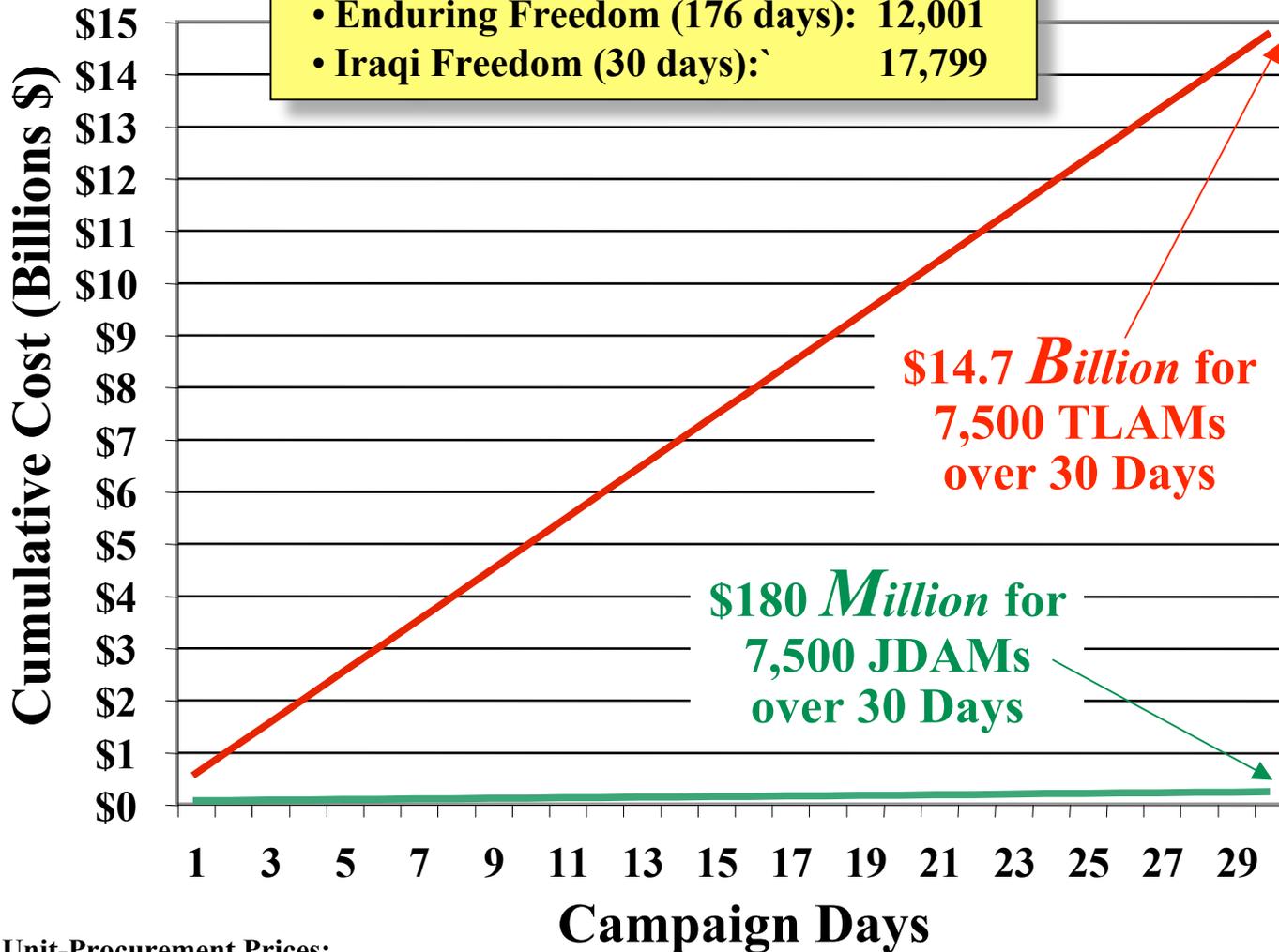
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**Tomahawk Land
Attack Missile**

Guided-Weapon Totals:

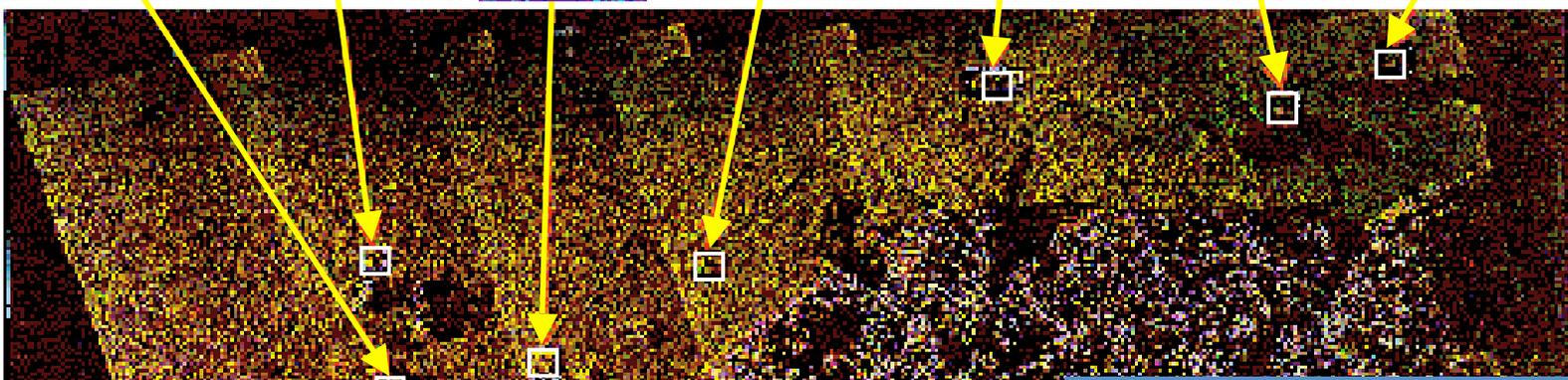
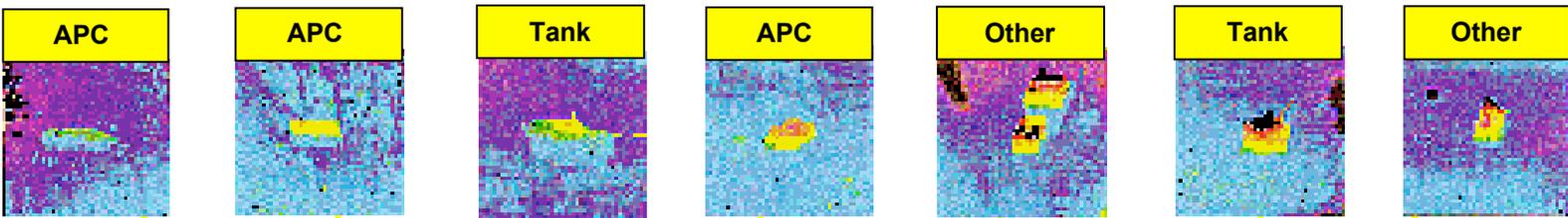
- Desert Storm (43 days): 17,162
- Allied Force (78 days): 6,708
- Enduring Freedom (176 days): 12,001
- Iraqi Freedom (30 days): 17,799



Unit-Procurement Prices:

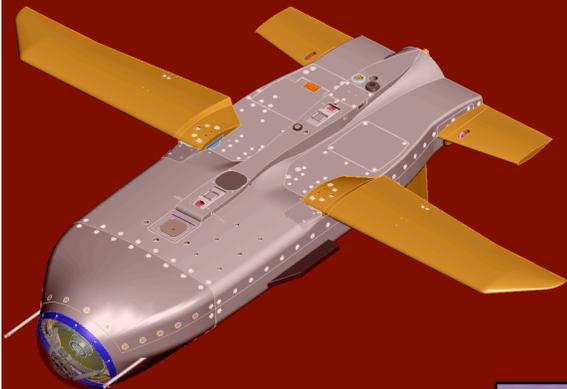
- Tomahawk: \$1.965 million
- JDAM (Mk-84): \$23,938

— JDAM (250/Day) — TLAM (250/Day)



flight

Low Cost Autonomous Attack System (LOCAAS)



Conclusions

- **Long Gestation: 6 Decades & Counting**
- **Variable Acceptance (Early Adopters vs Skeptics)**
- **U.S. Trends:**
 - Movement toward **mostly** precision campaigns
 - Robust **guidance mix** (laser, GPS, etc.)
 - Increasingly robust sensor & targeting **networks**
- **Nuclear Caveats**
- **Past Thresholds (“revolutionary”):**
 - LGBs
 - Solid-state electronics
 - TLAM + LGBs: **accuracy independent of range**
 - OIF: a **changed relationship between air & ground**
- **Future Thresholds**
 - Precision attack of **imprecisely located DMPIs (LOCAAS)**
 - **Long-range & accuracy independent of cost**

Conclusions of a 2001 DSB

Defense Science Board Task Force

on

HIGH ENERGY LASER WEAPON SYSTEM APPLICATIONS



June 2001

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
For Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
Washington, D.C. 20301-3140

- High-energy laser (HEL) technologies have matured enough for fielding on aircraft, space vehicles, ships & ground vehicles **to be “feasible over the next two decades”**
- HEL systems are an area of exploitable **U.S. technological advantage**
- HEL systems offer **speed-of-light** engagement of a variety of targets with a range of **precisely controlled effects** & **low-cost-per-shot**

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