## Thirteenth Air Force

Integrity - Service - Excellence

# Opportunities and Challenges in the Pacific



Lt Gen Chip Utterback Commander



## **Mission**

## Present Air, Space and Cyber Power across the full spectrum of operations in the Pacific

### **Conduct:**

- Operational Planning
- Command and Control (C2)
- Assessment
- Regional Engagement (39 Nations)
- Joint Forces Air Component Commander (JFACC)
  - Create effects from strategy to task, to meet USPACOM regional objectives



## **Mission Sets**

Standing JFACC

C2 of ISR

HA/DR

CJTF - SWA

Security Cooperation

Air Mobility

AADC

Air & Missile Defense

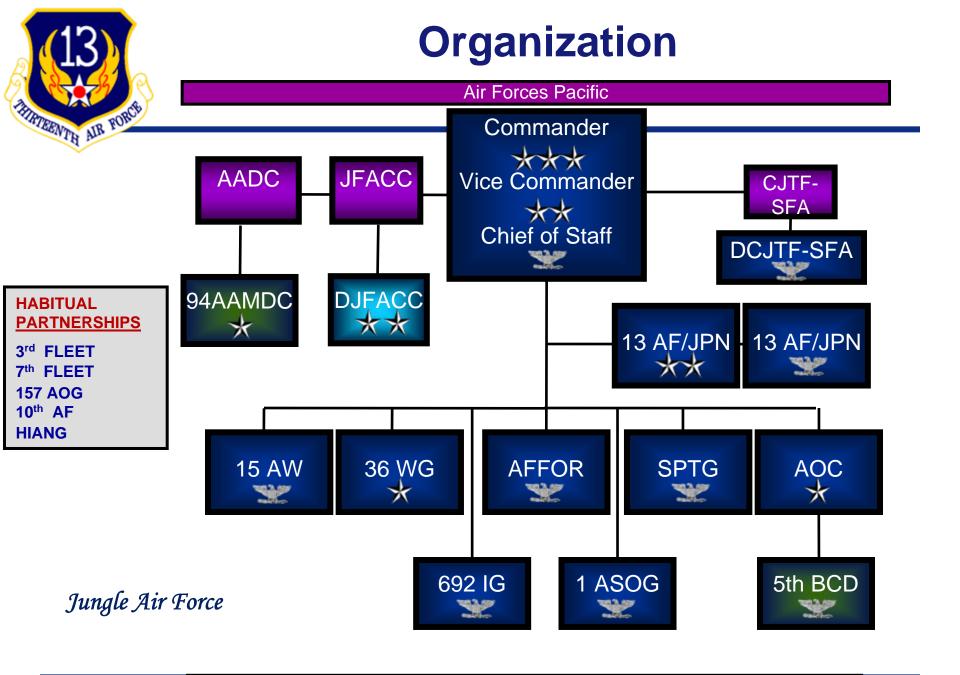
Search/Rescue

Space Coord

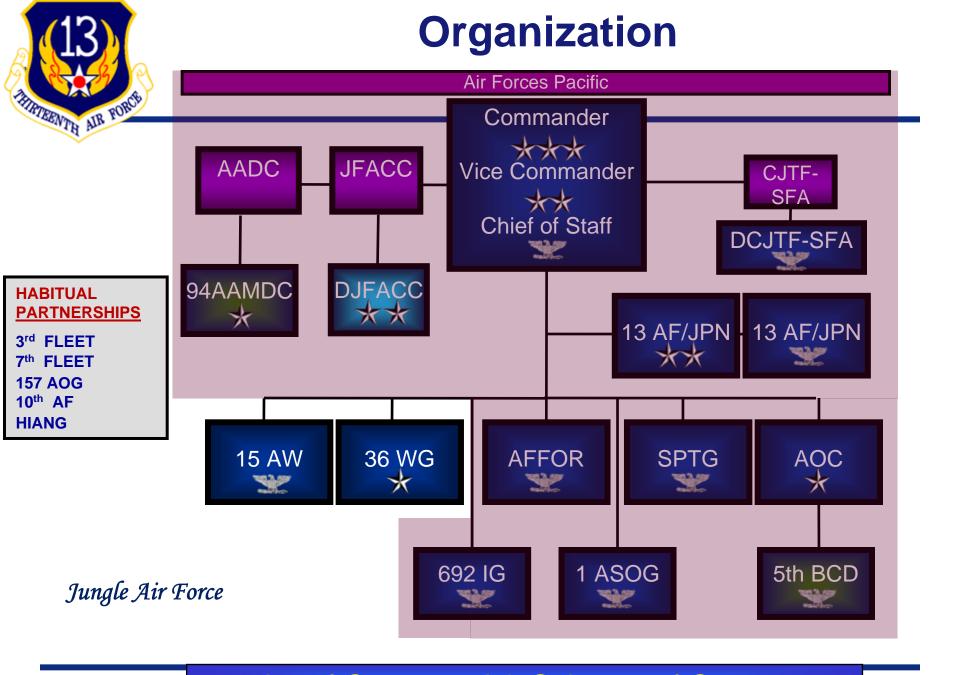
Global Strike

**Jungle Air Force** 





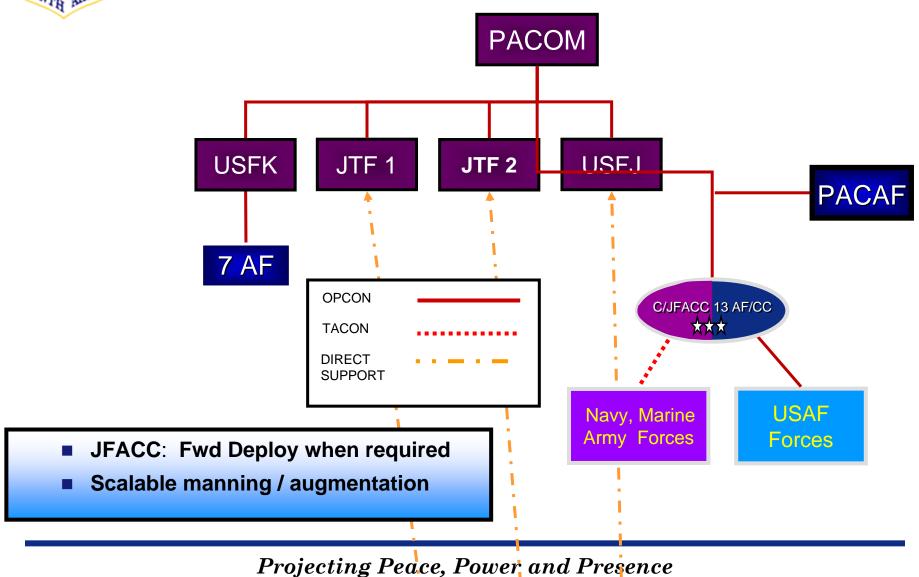
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### **Theater JFACC**





## **Command and Control**

- 613<sup>th</sup> Joint Air and Space Operations Center (JAOC)
  - Joint Networks
    - Robust and Flexible
    - Operates within Defense Information Systems
      Agency Global Information Grid
    - NIPR, SIPR, JWICS
      - TBMCS, GCCS, JADOCS (40 warfighting applications)
- JAOC SIPRNET is the core warfighting enclave Theater Air and Space C2



## **Mission Enhancement - Training**

- Table Top Exercise Training
  - Low-tech, relatively inexpensive
  - Scenario development, participant interaction, issue identification
  - Provides valuable training
  - Incorporated into larger exercises
  - Successfully utilized in Ex PACIFIC LIFELINE 08



## **Mission Enhancement - Training**

### Live / Virtual / Constructive Training

- Saves fuel, aircraft hours, and reduces ops tempo while still maximizing training opportunities
- Successfully utilized in NORTHERN EDGE 08
- Must invest in:
  - High fidelity simulation
  - Multiple Echelon computer models and game simulations
  - Distributive mission operations to leverage this capability



## Mission Enhancement Coalition Interoperability

- Combined Communications Interoperability Program (CCIP)
  - Several nations fielding compatible capabilities
    - Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, and Taiwan.
  - Benefits:
    - Leveraging host nation strengths
    - Promoting openness and cooperation
  - Deterrents:
    - Technology expenses
    - Laws and regulations
    - Preference for bilateral vs multilateral relationships





- Reliability and Redundancy of Networks
  - Must have operable COOP plan in place
- Homeland Defense: Zero Defect only 1 shot
  - Operation Noble Eagle Homeland Defense
  - Integrated Air and Missile Defense
  - Command and Control nets / Emergency Action Cell
- Munitions control and movement



## **Threats and Consequences**

### **Fighter Proliferation**

- 4th gen fighters being sold around world
  - Russia...Su-30/ & MiG-35/
  - China...F-10 & JF-17
- Electronically scanned intercept radars
- Long-range active radar missiles
- Highly sophisticated advanced jammers
  - Digital Radio Frequency Memory threat
- US legacy fighters at risk—second best?

### **Advanced SAM Proliferation**

- Legacy systems entering larger threat rings than ever before
- Longer-range double digit SAMS
  - SA-10 (49NM), SA-20 (108NM), HQ-9 (81NM)
  - Near future...SA-21 (advertised as 200+ NM)
  - Complicating potential future air ops
    - Taiwan Strait and Middle East
- Naval SAMS
  - Longer ranges pushing out air defense umbrella
    - SA-N-20 / HQ-9
- Detection capabilities also increasing
  - Anti-stealth and anti-cruise missile

### Terrorism – The Long War

- Al Qa'ida (AQ) remains greatest terrorist threat to US interests worldwide—nature of threat changing
- No longer monolithic threat; leaders providing less direct operational influence, emphasis on propaganda
- Smaller, looser networks proliferating—less, understood, predictable
- Signals Intel / ISR

### **Training Gaps**

- US Advantage historically both technological & superior training
- Avg Indian, Chinese pilot training now comparable
- Total fighter hours in USAF fighter units continues to drop from historical averages
- Range upgrades to meet realistic 5<sup>th</sup> Gen training







## Conclusion





#### **Past**

- Cold War Mentality
- Strategic Reserve
- Hand Me Down Equipment





#### **Present And Future**

- Meeting Traditional & Asymmetric Threats
  "State Of The Art" Equipment
- High Operations and Deployment Tempo
  - Joint and Coalition Interoperability





### **New Challenges and Opportunities**

