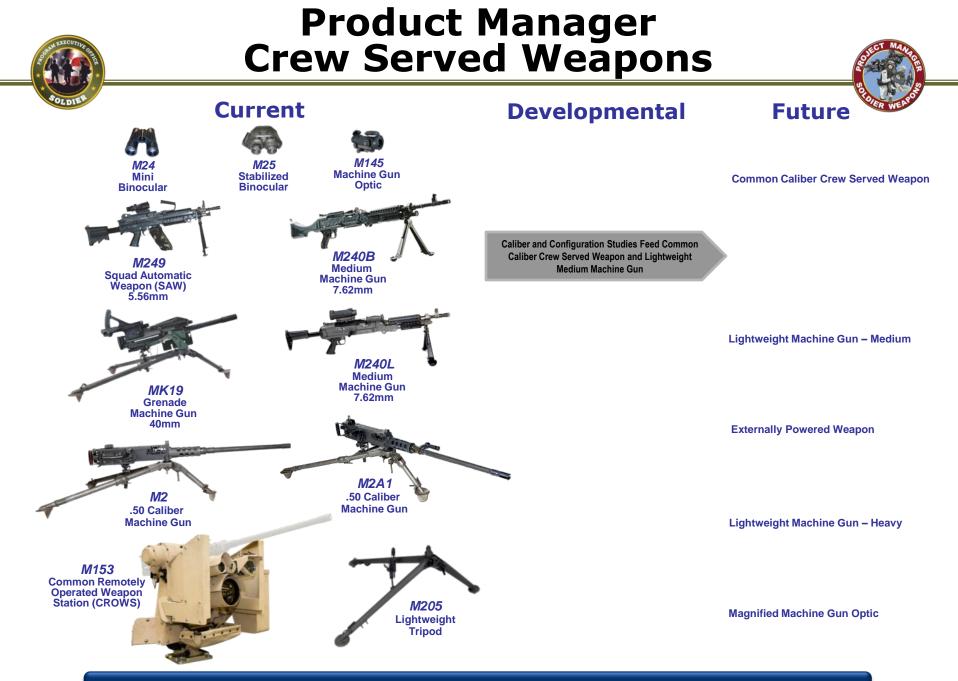


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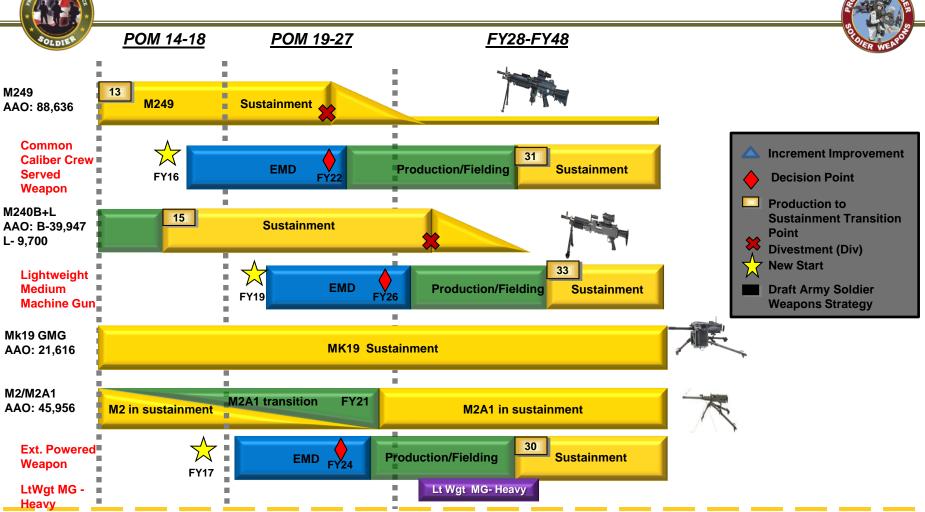


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Critical Elements of Analysis

- 1. M249s in AR Role will be replaced by the Common Caliber Crew Served Weapon
- 2. M240 Bs and Ls will be replaced by Lightweight Medium Machine Gun
- 3. Externally Powered Weapon replaces M2A1 and MK19 mounted on RWS

Summary

All current weapon production lines will go COLD by FY15. 10 year timeframe estimated from New Start to FUE for all requirements. Sustainment transition depends on the rate of production and final BOI.





- Near Term:
 - Continue to increase capability by introducing product improvements including advanced enablers (i.e., optics) and ammunition improvements to legacy weapons.
 - Continue support of new requirements for Combat Lightweight Automatic Weapon System (CLAWS) and Lightweight Dismounted Automatic Machine Gun (LDAM).
 - Support configuration study to establish better requirements reducing user error budget (Fire Control, Optics, Stabilized Mounts etc).
- Mid Term:
 - Integrate technology advances from S&T programs into current and next generation small arms systems. Track and leverage S&T projects for solutions that meet Volume Effects gaps. Focus on solutions that will enhance small-unit effectiveness and allow leaders to apply combat power more efficiently.

• Far Term:

 Apply emerging ("revolutionary") technologies to the design /development of totally new types of Soldier Weapons including command/self guided systems; and directed energy solutions if soldier portable.