



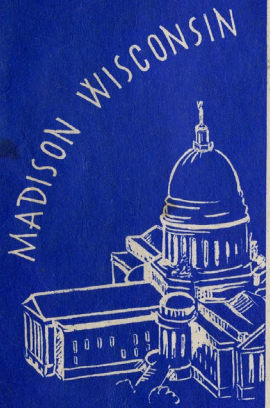
# 115th Fighter Wing

Madison, Wisconsin



# TRUAX

*army air field*



## DEDICATION

● Following the Army custom of naming Air Fields after deceased Air Corps officers, a thorough search was made for a Wisconsin man for whom to name the new Radio School of the Army Air Forces at Madison. The outstanding choice was Lt. Thomas L. Truax, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Truax of Madison, Wisconsin.

Lieutenant Truax, known to his friends as "Bud," graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1939, and joined the Air Corps a month later. After winning his wings at Randolph Field, Texas, he sought permission to go to China to fight the Japs but was refused. The day after his promotion to 1st Lieutenant he was killed in a crash a few miles north of San Francisco.

Truax Field graduates now carry the name of Truax to all parts of the world.

## TRUAX ARMY AIR FIELD

The technical school at Truax Field has achieved a reputation throughout the Air Forces for turning out radio operators and radio mechanics who are thoroughly schooled in the fundamentals of their specialized duties. Here the practical, rather than the theoretical side of radio training, is stressed. The beneficial results of this policy have been demonstrated by graduates in the field. ● Other military training is accomplished without interference with school. In the barracks, in the squadron streets, or on the athletic field, the Truax student is always learning to be a soldier. ● It is certain that the many men who have passed through this school during their period of training will retain pleasant memories of the many familiar sights in and about Madison and Truax Field.



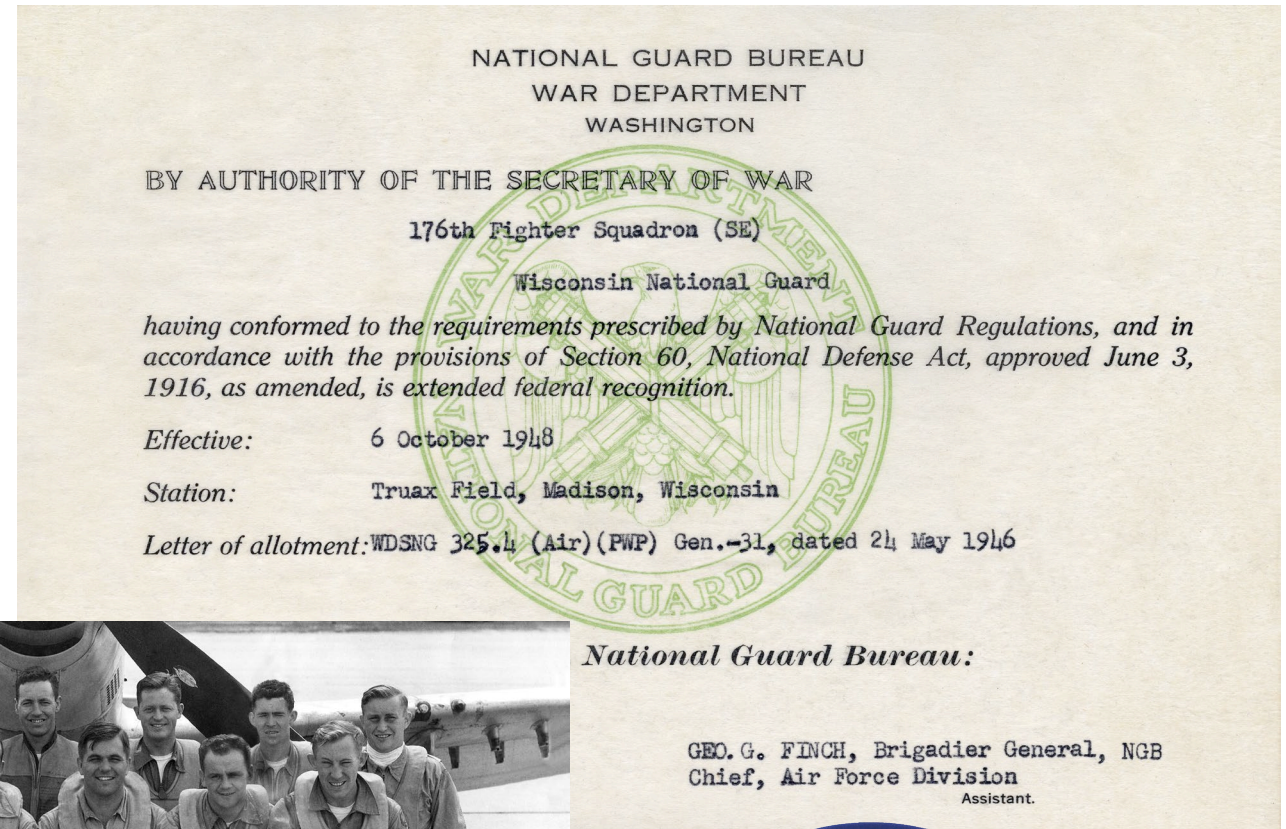
Truax Army Airfield  
Established: 1942





U.S. Air Force  
Established: 1947

176th Fighter Squadron  
Established: Oct. 6, 1948







**F-51 Mustang**  
**1948-1952**



**F-86 Sabre**  
**1953-1954**



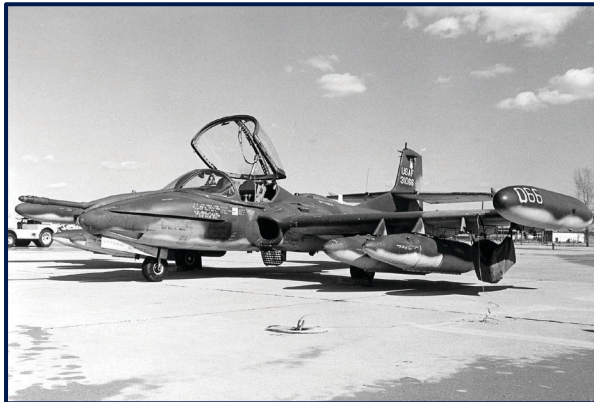
**F-89 Scorpion**  
**1954-1966**



**F-102 Delta  
Dagger**  
**1966-1974**



**O-2 Skymaster**  
**1974-1979**



**OA-37 Dragonfly**  
**1979-1981**



**A-10 Thunderbolt  
II**  
**1981-1993**



**F-16 Fighting  
Falcon**  
**1993-2022**





128th Tactical Fighter Wing - 1981

128th Fighter Wing - 1992

115th Fighter Wing - 1995





ACA Mission Established: September 12, 2001





378th Fighter Squadron Active  
Associate  
Established: 2015





First F-35s Arrive at Truax Field  
April 25, 2023





# Wisconsin ANG

Consists of 3 units | 2,400 Airmen



115TH FW  
Madison, WI  
1,200 Airmen



128TH ARW  
Milwaukee, WI  
900 Airmen



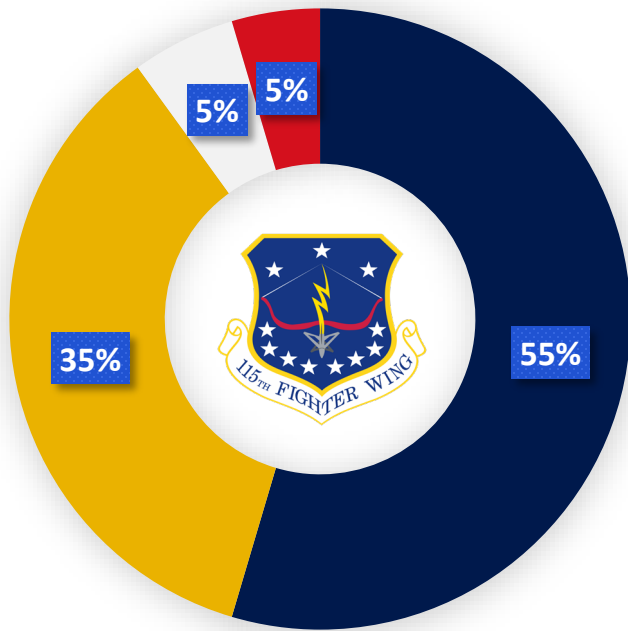
Volk Field CRTC  
Camp Douglas, WI  
350 Airmen





# Force Structure

Approximately 1,200 total personnel



■ Traditional (Part Time) - 607

■ Full Time - 394

■ State (Civilian) - 60

■ Active Duty Air Force - 51





# 115TH FW Mission & Vision



**Deliver dominant combat air power & provide agile support for domestic operations**

Be the premier fighter wing; outstanding Airmen who are trained, ready and dedicated





# Federal Missions



Global Strike  
Aviation Package



Homeland Defense



State Partnership







# State Missions

Defense Support of Civil Authorities



Airport Fire & Rescue



Explosive Ordnance Disposal



COVID-19  
Pandemic



Civil Unrest



Chemical, Biological, Medical Response



Emergency  
Communications



Natural Disaster Response





# Local Impact

Contribution to the economy



Over \$1 million  
college tuition



\$62 million  
in payroll



\$240 million in  
annual impact



Highly skilled  
Technical workforce



Supports 1,650  
state jobs







# Community Support

Committed to being great neighbors



**GREATER MADISON  
CHAMBER of COMMERCE**



**LOCAL COUNCIL  
MEMBERS AND ALDERS**



**BADGER AIR  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



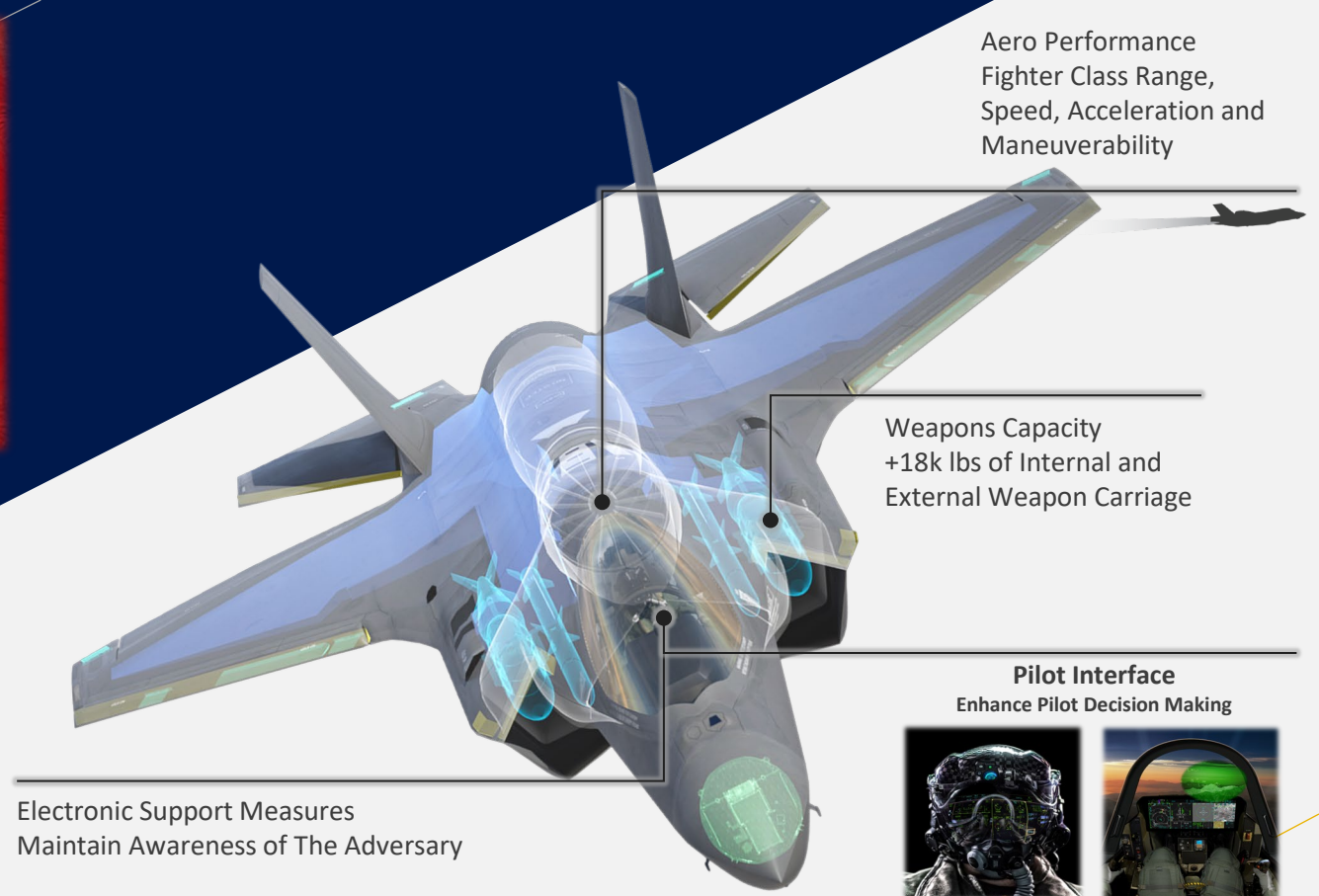
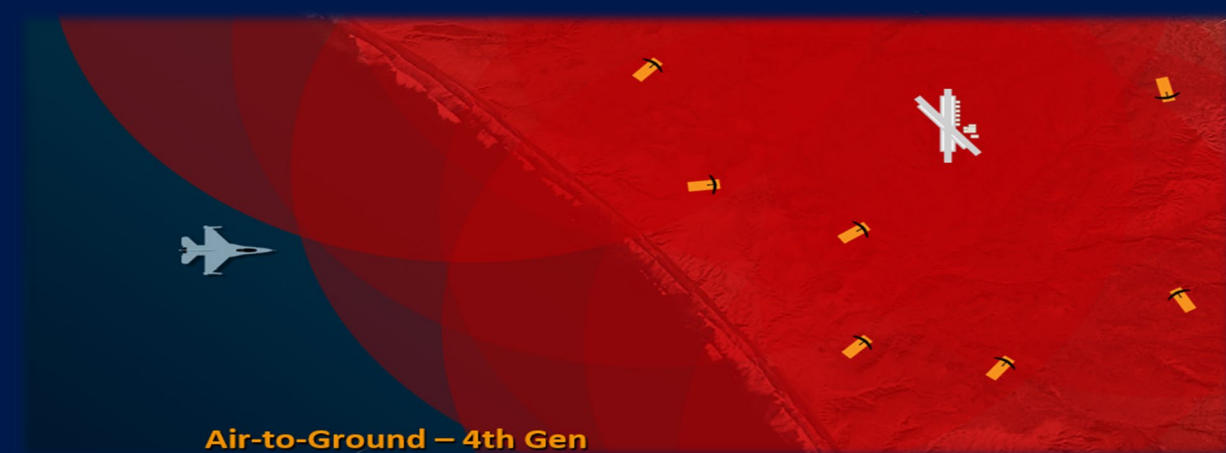




# Primary Aircraft

F-35A Lightning II

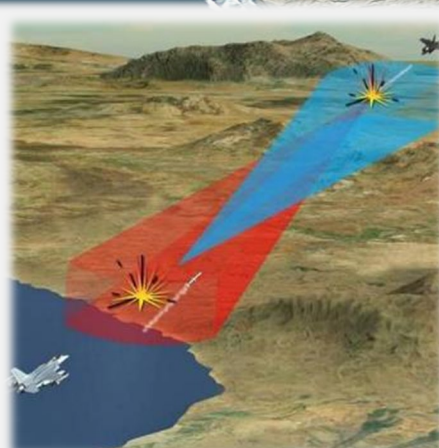




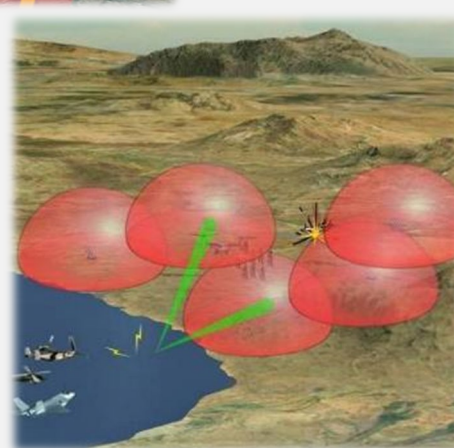
Electronic Support Measures  
Maintain Awareness of The Adversary



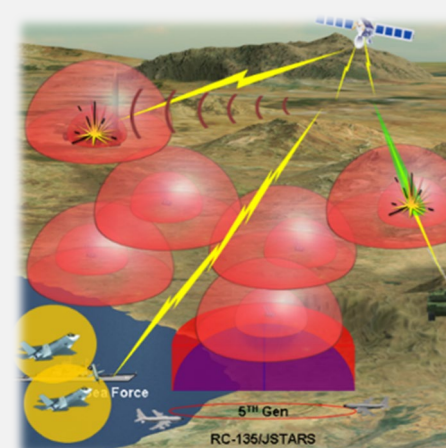
Strike



Air to air



Electronic



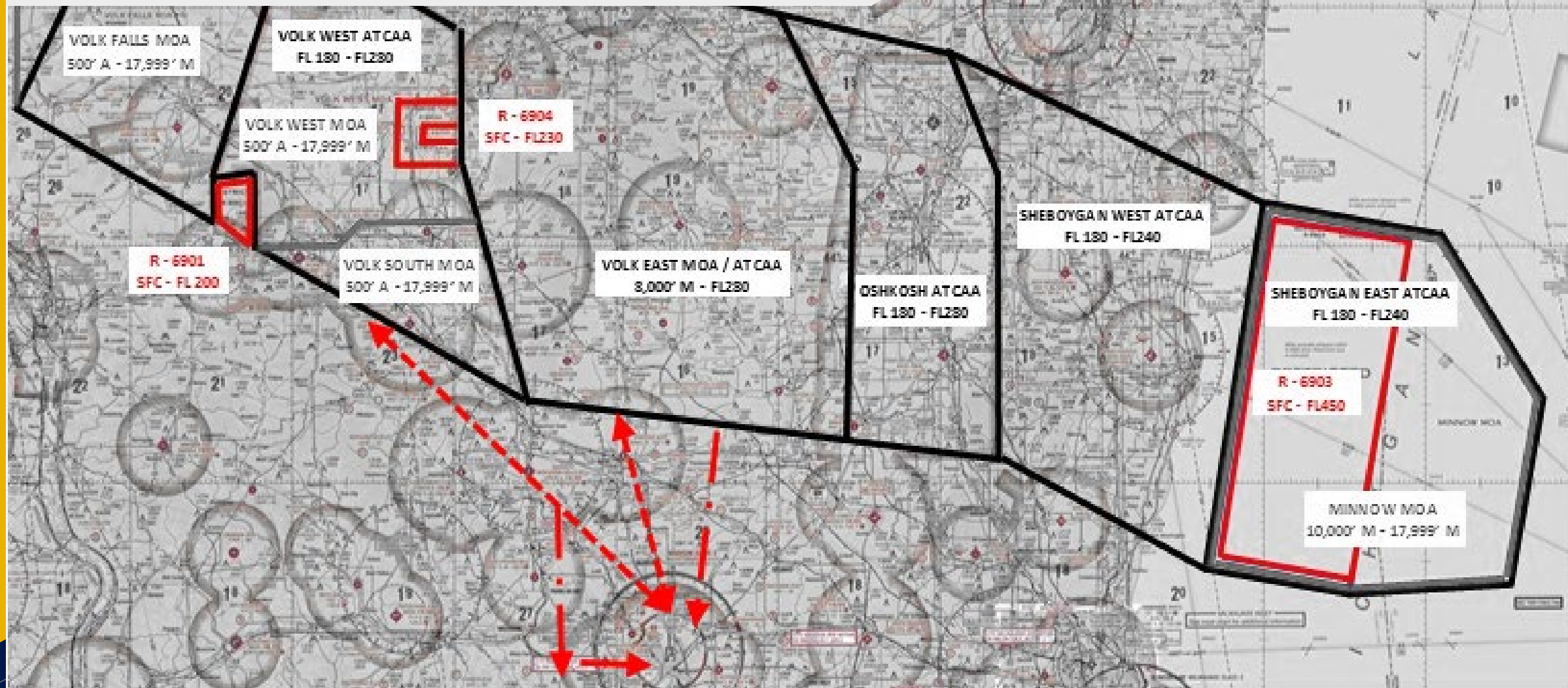
Recon



Command & Control



# WHY Truax Field & the 115<sup>TH</sup>





# What's Next?



First 18 F-35s have arrived

Anticipate full fleet of 20 aircraft by summer of 2025



**Construction Completion**



**Continued F-35 Arrival**