

Note from AFA President -- Corley, USMC F-22 pilot

AFA members, Congressional staff members, civic leaders, DOCA members, I have mentioned several times a web site for you to bookmark and visit. It is called "Second Line of Defense."

It, like almost no others, looks at operational, maintenance, and design issues facing this country. You can find the website at: <http://www.sldinfo.com/>

A few excellent pieces on the homepage of this site ...

1. An conversation with Gen (Ret) John Corley – see: <http://www.sldinfo.com/?p=11608>

A couple of quotes to pique your interest:

"In my mind, I think enduring capabilities for a Combat Air Force is, first, the ability to dissuade and deter, and I probably think I would add the word reassure. I think we are missing the point if we don't have an ability to dissuade an adversary, to deter an adversary, or to reassure an ally."

"The enduring goals, ends, or objectives of the combat Air Force (CAF) are underpinned by a set of concepts of operations. For the air domain, air superiority is a service core competency of the Air Force, bolstered by collaborative competencies from other services that also contribute to air superiority. This is a constant of operations that underpins operational freedom of action. If you don't underpin operational freedom of action, then again, your freedom from attack, freedom to attack, freedom to maneuver vanishes. If that vanishes for the joint force, then I don't think you have an effective fighting joint force. I also think your ability to dissuade/deter comes called into question."

2. An interview with USMC and F-22 pilot, LtCol David Berke – see: <http://www.sldinfo.com/?p=11395>

A couple of quotes:

"The concept of Raptor employment covers two basic concepts. You've got an anti-access/global strike mission; and you have the integration mission as well. And the bottom line is that integration mission is our bread and butter. When I say "us," I'm talking about the Air Force and the F-22. Most of our expected operating environments are going to be integrated and success depends on how we play with other four-gen assets."

"As a flying sensor, you can accurately decide the best way to attack a particular problem for everybody else that is flying. A Raptor flight lead (and a 5th Gen fighter is far more effective than a flight leader in another airplane) with the amount of SA that he has can help guide the other aircraft that don't have that level of SA."

For your consideration.

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