



# F-35 Lightning II Program

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## Remaining F-35B Lightning II Aircraft arrive at Iwakuni Japan



**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, YAMAGUCHI, JAPAN-- U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II aircraft with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 121 prepare to land at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni, Japan, Nov. 9, 2017. The remaining aircraft represent the last installment of F-35B Lightning IIs assigned to VMFA-121. The F-35B Lightning II is a fifth-generation fighter, which is the world's first operational supersonic short takeoff and vertical landing aircraft. The F-35B brings strategic agility, operational flexibility and tactical supremacy to III MEF with a mission radius greater than that of the F/A-18 Hornet and AV-8B Harrier II in support of the U.S. – Japan alliance. (U.S. Marine Corps photos by Cpl. Carlos Jimenez)**





*(Above)* A U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 121, lands at the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, Nov. 15 2017. *(Right)* Another F-35B conducts a vertical landing at the MCAS Iwakuni where it will be permanently stationed with Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Carlos Jimenez)



An F-35B Lightning II with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 121 maneuvers under canopy at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Iwakuni, Japan, Nov. 9, 2017. Three of VMFA-121's aircraft departed from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and is the latest installment of F-35B Lightning IIs. VMFA-121 conducted a permanent change of station to MCAS Iwakuni, from MCAS Yuma, Ariz., and now belongs to Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Carlos Jimenez)

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