



F-35 Lightning II Program

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FIFTH F-35 LIGHTNING II BOLTS TO EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE

FORT WORTH, Texas, Oct. 20, 2011 – With Lt. Col. Eric “Emmitt” Smith at the controls, AF-12 gains altitude as it departs Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base yesterday for Florida. AF-12 was delivered to the 33d Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base. It touched down at 4:03 p.m. CDT after a 90-minute flight becoming the fifth Lightning-II delivered to Eglin in 2011. The conventional takeoff and landing variant F-35A will be used for pilot and maintainer training at the base’s new F-35 Integrated Training Center. AF-12 is the eleventh F-35 delivery in 2011.



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