

F-15 Combat Air-to-Air Training Systems

“Hello, I’m Tim Ebner. I’m the site manager here for the F-15 Combat Air-to-Air Training Systems program under Huntington Ingalls Industries’ Technical Solutions division.

“We train all the F-15 pilots for the entire United States Air Force here at Kingsley Field in Oregon. We do the simulator academics for the students, and we train somewhere in the neighborhood of about 70 students a year. It’s a big mission we’ve got here to get these students out the door and get them out the door on time.

“All of our employees are previous military, so they come with experience. If I’m going to have a subject matter expert standing in front of students, they probably had better have flown that airplane or operated those systems in the past.

“I think we have a wonderful opportunity here: Teach the students where a lot of the tactics that we teach and the weapons—where we came from.

“For the most part, you’re going to find that every one of us is very passionate about teaching. It’s a great feeling to come to work in the morning and you’re going to teach something—a career that you had and you loved doing—that you get to carry on now and kind of pass that on to future generations that are now going to pick up where you left off, flying the F-15.

“What we do here in the F-15 CAATS, I think, is vital to the national security of our country. It’s definitely the ‘hard stuff done right.’”