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Last Raptor lands at JBER

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska – Dozens of military members, family and friends of the 3rd Wing gathered at the 525th Fighter Squadron Saturday to welcome to JBER the last F-22 Raptor produced for the U.S. Air Force.

The F-22 is the world’s first fifth-generation fighter jet, and tail number 4195 was the last Raptor built at Lockheed Martin’s Marietta, Ga., factory.

Air Force Lt. Col. Paul Moga, 525th Fighter Squadron commander, flew the jet non-stop from Marietta Saturday along with Air Force Col. Dirk Smith, 3rd Wing commander, in his new jet, tail number 4193. Moga accepted the “keys” to his new flagship from Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff, in Marietta Wednesday.

Upon arrival at JBER, Moga said the new jet handled superbly during the eight hour flight from Georgia with two mid-air refuels provided by U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotankers – one from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., and one from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.

“It’s good to have this jet where it belongs,” Moga said. The flight went extremely well, he continued.

“Flawless ... literally no problems,” Moga said.

Tail 4195 will be Moga’s jet and the flagship for the 525th Fighter Squadron “Bulldogs.”