

U.S. F-22A Raptors deployed to Okinawa

The U.S. Air Force is deploying its newest stealth fighter, the F-22A Raptor, at Japan's Kadena base. It is the first time that the plane, developed as a successor to the F-15, has been fielded outside bases in the United States



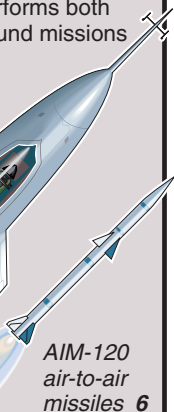
Kadena Air Base, Okinawa:
12 F-22A aircraft and some 260 personnel, including 20 pilots, to be deployed

F-22A Raptor: Stealth fighter evades radar detection and performs both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions

Length: **18.9m**

Wingspan: **13.5m**

Ceiling: **18,000m**



AIM-120
air-to-air
missiles **6**

AIM-9
Sidewinders **2**

250lb GBU-39
bombs **8**

1,000lb GBU-32
bombs **2**

20mm cannon