CHARTER
FOR THE
JOINT AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY
PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

This charter establishes the roles and responsibilities of the Joint Aircraft Survivability Program (JASP). The JASP promotes aircraft survivability to enhance combat mission effectiveness, improves the synergy and coordination of aircraft survivability improvement endeavors, and facilitates technology development and transition to weapon systems.

This is accomplished by ensuring that aircraft survivability research, development and test efforts, conducted by the Services and JASP, are coordinated to effectively meet Service requirements. Aircraft survivability efforts include technology research, development, testing and evaluation (RDT&E), gathering combat damage information and modeling and simulation (M&S) support for technology development and acquisition planning.

II. MISSION

Achieve increased affordability, readiness, and effectiveness of tri-service aircraft through the joint coordination and development of survivability (susceptibility and vulnerability reduction) technologies and assessment methodologies.

Specifically, the JASP:

a. Exchanges aircraft survivability information with the Services to increase the combat effectiveness of military aircraft in threat environments.

b. Identifies, through coordination with Joint and Service staffs, aviation capability gaps that require aircraft survivability RDT&E and ensures that the gaps are addressed in a joint war-fighting context.

c. Implements RDT&E that complements Service aviation survivability programs.

d. Serves as an executive agent for the Survivability Vulnerability Information Analysis Center (SURVIAC), the repository for aircraft survivability information.

e. Conducts Joint Live Fire (JLF) tests on aircraft platforms to quantify system vulnerabilities and verify survivability enhancements.

f. Investigates and reports on combat damage incidents, through the Joint Combat Assessment Team (JCAT), to assess the threat environment for operational commanders and collect data to support aircraft survivability research and development.

g. Interfaces with other DOT&E investment programs, the intelligence community, other federal agencies and industry to improve military aircraft survivability.
III. ADMINISTRATION

a. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Live Fire Test & Evaluation) provides funding to, and programmatic oversight of, the Joint Aircraft Survivability Program.

b. The signatories of this charter will appoint one senior representative to the JASP Principal Members Steering Group (PMSG). The PMSG will approve the overall program direction and project selection each fiscal year. JLF Air projects will be selected and approved by OSD/DOT&E for execution by JASPO.

c. The Joint Aircraft Survivability Program Office (JASPO) is the full time program office with responsibility for the management and implementation of all tasks associated with the JASP. The JASPO will consist of two representatives from each Service. The Service signatories are responsible for filling the JASPO Service representative billets with civilian personnel (GM 13/14) and/or military officers (0-4/5).

d. The Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), in accordance with the Host-Tenant Support Elements agreement, will support the JASPO. The JASPO will be co-located with the Washington Liaison Office in Arlington Virginia and will receive sufficient priority and resources to permit the timely accomplishment of its assigned responsibilities.

e. The JASPO Administrative Handbook will serve as the detailed guidance and operating instructions for the implementation of this charter. The Administrative Handbook will outline the necessary resources, actions required, and duties and responsibilities to accomplish the assigned mission. The Handbook will be approved by the PMSG.

f. This Charter supersedes the JASPO charter dated 23 January 2003.

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