

# Communications Satellite Program Office (PMW-146)



**Mobile User Objective System (MUOS)  
Communications-on-the-Move (COTM)**

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# Narrowband SATCOM Overview

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## Mission

- Command and control interoperability between the Combatant Commanders and their components
- Connectivity for command and control of tactical forces
- Connectivity for deployed Special Operating Forces
- Connectivity supporting rapid deployments of land, air, and naval forces worldwide
- Connectivity for tactical communications in all operating environments

### Nets

Command and Control  
Fire Support  
Combat Operations  
Search and Rescue  
Tactical Data Links  
Broadcast  
Cruise Missile/UAV  
Control/Data Links  
Logistics

*Tactical Net supporting  
Joint and Allied forces*

### Users

Navy  
Marines  
Army  
Air Force  
Allies  
COCOMS  
JTF  
Gov't Agencies

*Over 50 percent of  
SATCOM users are  
deployed via UHF*

### Terminals

AN/PSC-5 SPITFIRE  
CSEL  
URC-133 Federated  
ARC-210  
WSC-3  
Digital Modular  
Radio/Joint Tactical  
Radio System (JTRS)  
(future)

*More than 50 different  
types and over 18,000  
terminals in-service  
today!*

***“Additionally, command and control “on the move” was hampered by the finite number of UHF Tactical Satellite channels available. The demand for UHF TACSAT exceeded the finite capacity and forced continuous prioritization of those available channels as the operations unfolded.”***

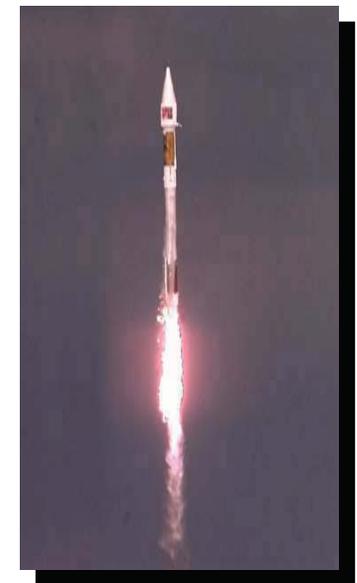
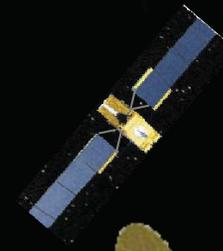
**LTG ABIZAID Senate Confirmation hearing for  
Central Command (24 June 2003)**

# PEO Space Systems Portfolio

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- **LEASAT**
  - LEASAT 5
    - 6 UHF communications channels
- **UFO**
  - F2
    - UHF Payload, 39 channels
  - F4, F5, & F6
    - EHF Payload, 8 EC services
    - Spot beam antenna, 14 SBA services
  - F7
    - Enhanced EHF Payload
    - 8 EC/SBA services or 32 SBA/EC service
  - F8 & F10
    - Global Broadcast Service Payload
    - 4 x 24 Mbps transponders
    - 3 steerable transmit antennas
    - 2 receive antennas (1 steerable)
  - F11
    - Digital Payload
    - UHF Services
    - EHF Services
- **SKYNET**
  - Skynet 5c
    - 3 UHF communications channels
- **MUOS**
  - Future MILSATCOM narrowband system
  - Replaces the current UFO constellation



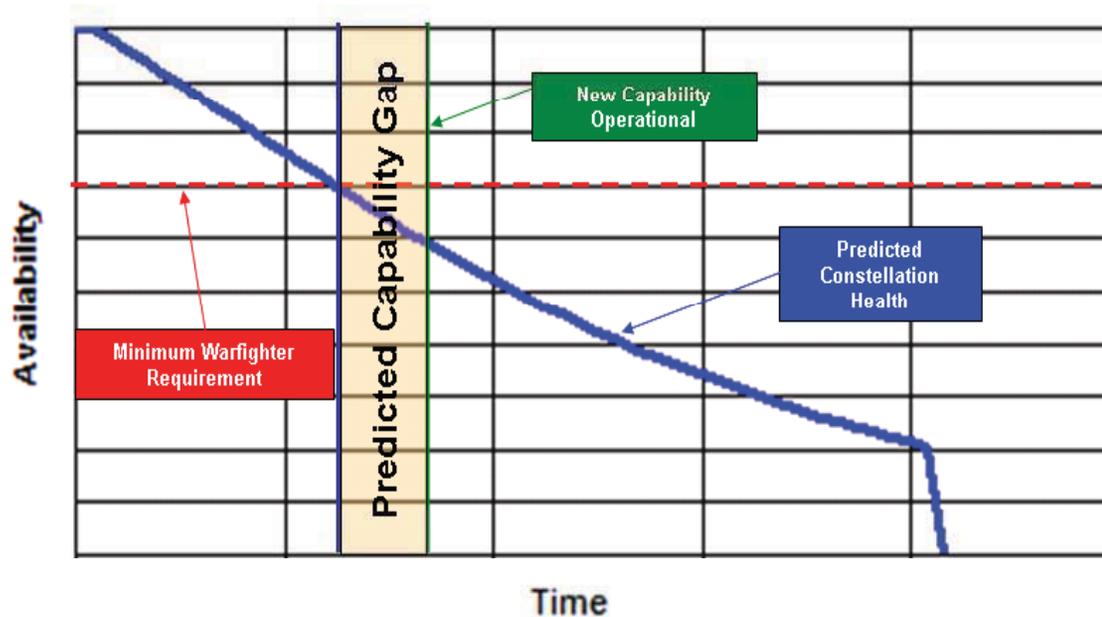
# Narrowband SATCOM Constellations

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- **Today's Narrowband SATCOM constellation is aging**
  - UHF Follow-On (UFO), Fleet Satellite (FLTSAT), Leased Satellite (LEASAT), and Skynet

Example Constellation Life Expectancy



**Tomorrow's Narrowband SATCOM constellation will be the Mobile User Objective System (MUOS)**

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# MUOS Requirements

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## UFO



### Current UFO "Man Pack"

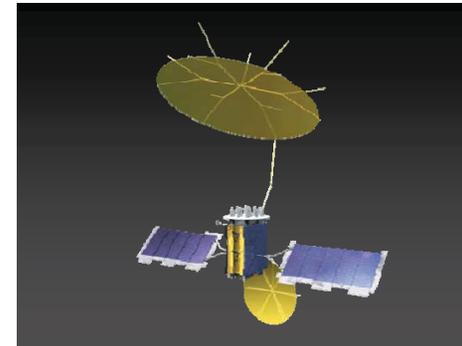
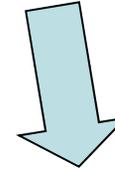
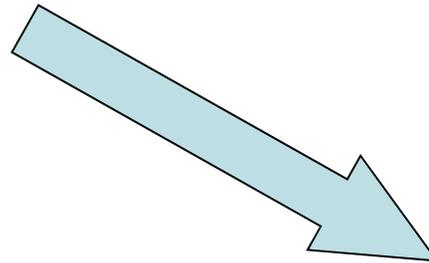
- ~ 20 lbs
- 2.4 kbps
- Stop and Talk
- Set up/Tear Down 10 mins
- Military custom waveform

### *Increased Mobility*

- "Hand Held Terminals"
- "On the Move" capability
- All Environments

### *Increased Performance*

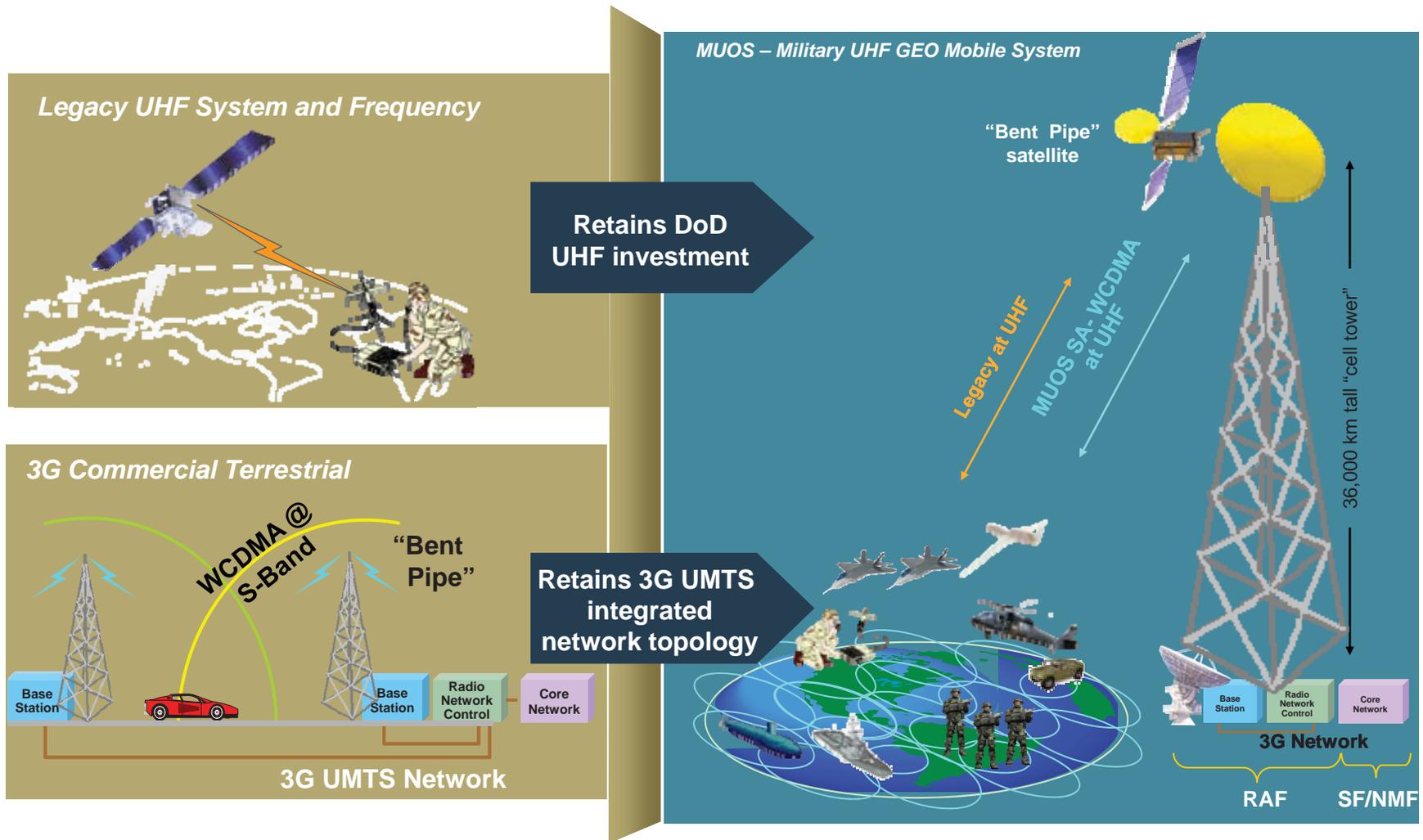
- ~10X Capacity of UFO System
- Higher data rates
- Increase Link Availability
- GIG Connectivity



### MUOS Hand Held terminal

- 2-3 lbs
- 9.6 kbps+
- Leverage commercial waveform and applications like IP

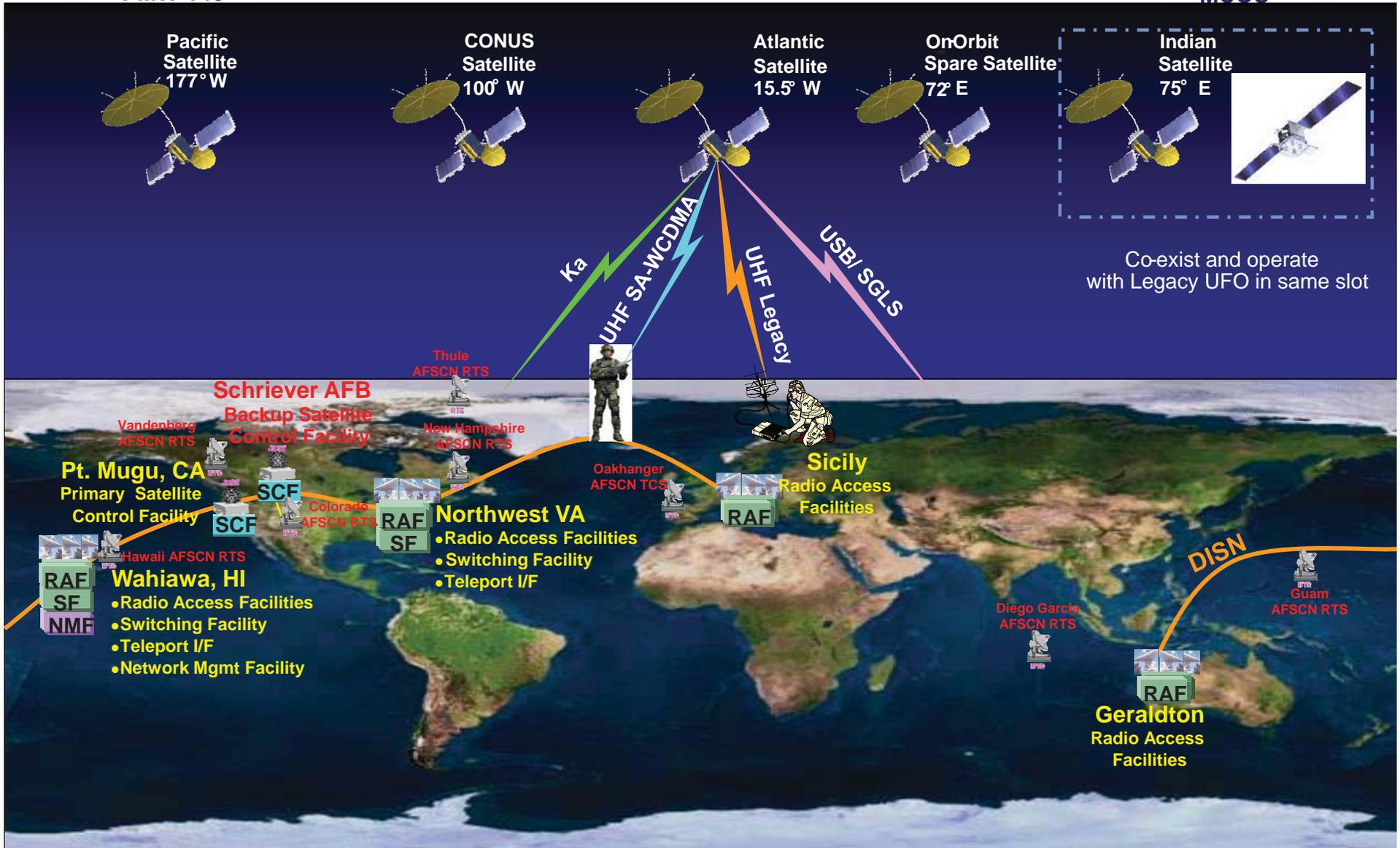
# What is MUOS?



# MUOS Architecture

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# The MUOS Team and Locations

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# Spacecraft Status

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- **Satellite #1**

- 100% flight hardware delivered, preparing to start satellite assemble integration & test (AI&T)
- Satellite #1 schedule Sep 2011

- **Satellite #2**

- 98% flight hardware delivered, remaining units delivered Nov/Dec
- System Module to be shipped to Sunnyvale



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Multi-Beam Antenna Install



Legacy Antenna Install

# Ground Status

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- **Ground System**

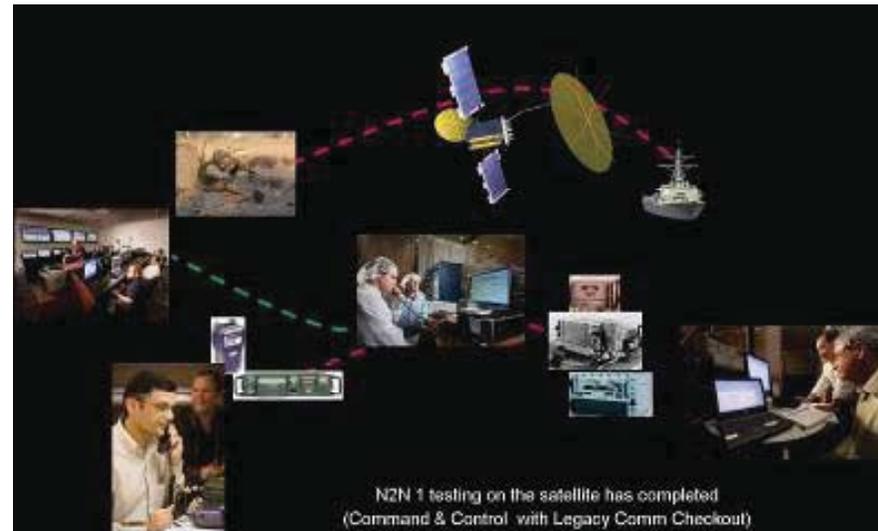
- Build 1: Satellite command and control completed
- Build 2: WCDMA code and unit test completed, made first end-to-end call; Factory Acceptance Testing complete
- Build 3: First 4 of 9 Integration Points coded/integrated, incorporating Secure Communications ECP

- **Software Build Descriptions**

- **Build 1:** Satellite control, Legacy point-to-point and netted communications, minor network management functionality (ET failover and hardware fault connection/reporting)
- **Build 2:** Completed Satellite control, Legacy point-to-point and netted comms
- **Build 3.1:** Full MUOS point-to-point and group communications with cover, spectrum adaptation, geolocation, comm planning, key management, full network and operations management, congestion management, and access to DSN/SIPRNET



**B153 MNSC - successful N2N1a Test**



# Ground Sites

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# Waveform Status

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- **Waveform**

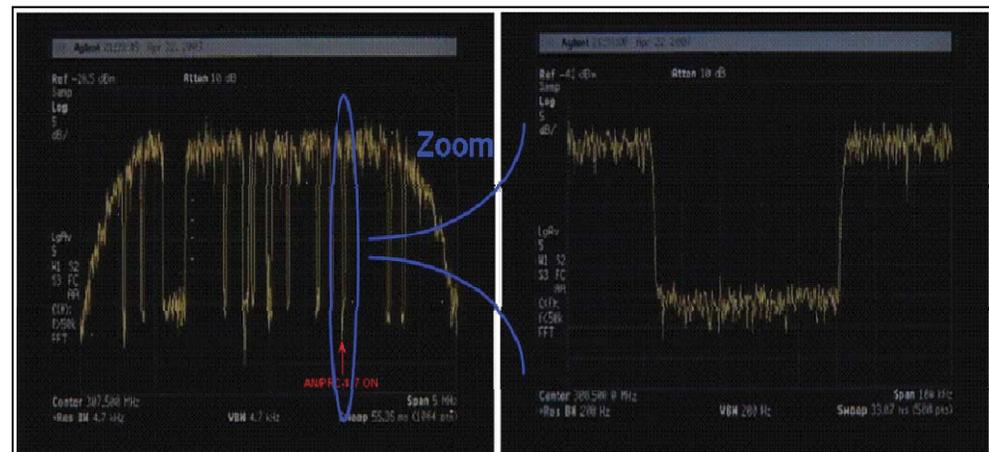
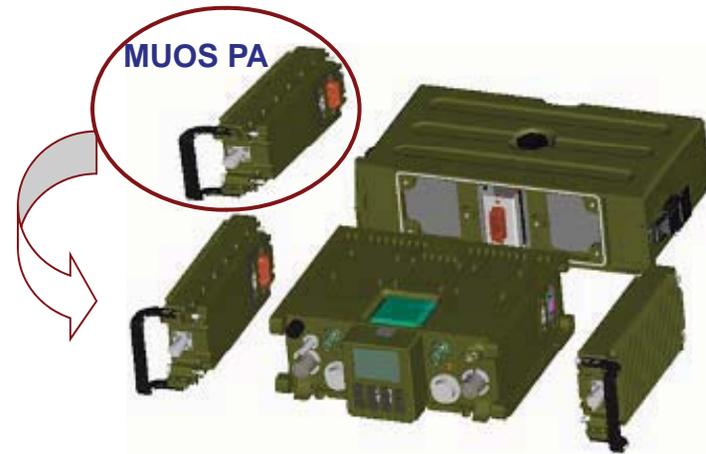
- Waveform initial integration with ground complete, v1.2 delivered to Information Repository May 2009
- WF v2.3 FQT scheduled for Oct 2010

- **MUOS-JTRS Coordination**

- Coordinating with JTRS, full MUOS waveform on contract, target platform HMS man-pack

- **Spectrum Certification Status**

- Obtained Stage 3 certification for MUOS SA-WCDMA in Sep 2007
- Stage 4 Frequency Allocation request in review by NTIA



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# Mobile UHF SATCOM Need

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- Based on lessons learned and after action reviews, **the #1 documented communications shortfall for the mobile warfighter is beyond line of site communications on the move.** (AARs: OEF/OIF, CENTCOM, V Corps, 82<sup>nd</sup>, 101<sup>st</sup>, 3ID, 3-7 and 1-3 Marines)

*LTG Abizaid, as former Deputy Cmdr CENTCOM*

- **“To increase our capability [to] command and control on the move, it is imperative that we secure additional UHF (TACSAT) bandwidth or alternate means.”**

*LTG Wallace, as former V Corps Cmdr*

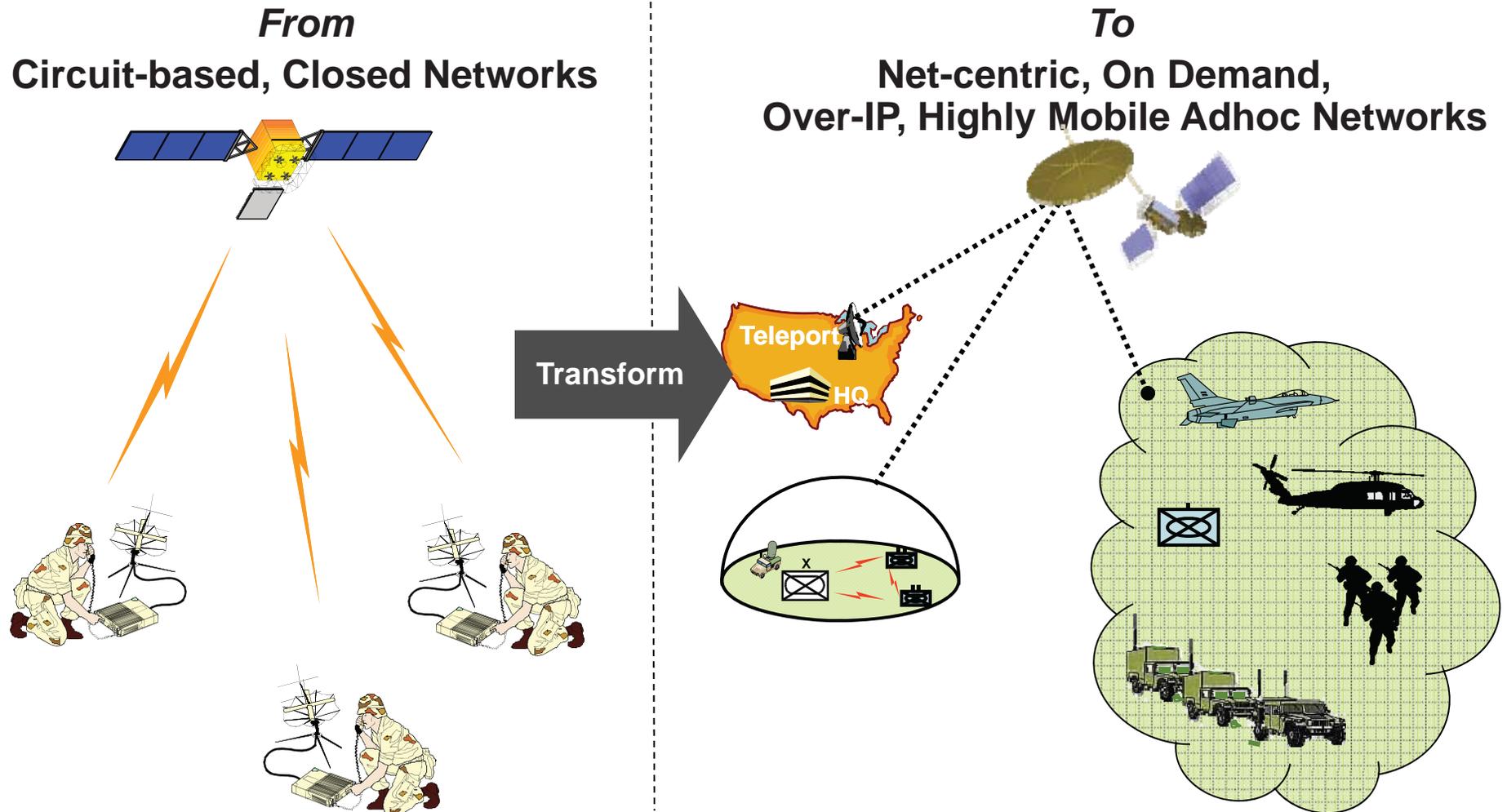
- **“...there is a big demand for the limited number of channels available... we were under resourced in SC TACSAT channels ...this placed a significant strain on my ability to provide solid command and control...”**
- **“Despite our efforts to realize network enhanced warfare since Desert Storm, the trigger puller on the ground still cannot tap into the network and realize its benefits.”**

***MUOS provides greater than 10X capacity increase***

# MUOS Capability Transition

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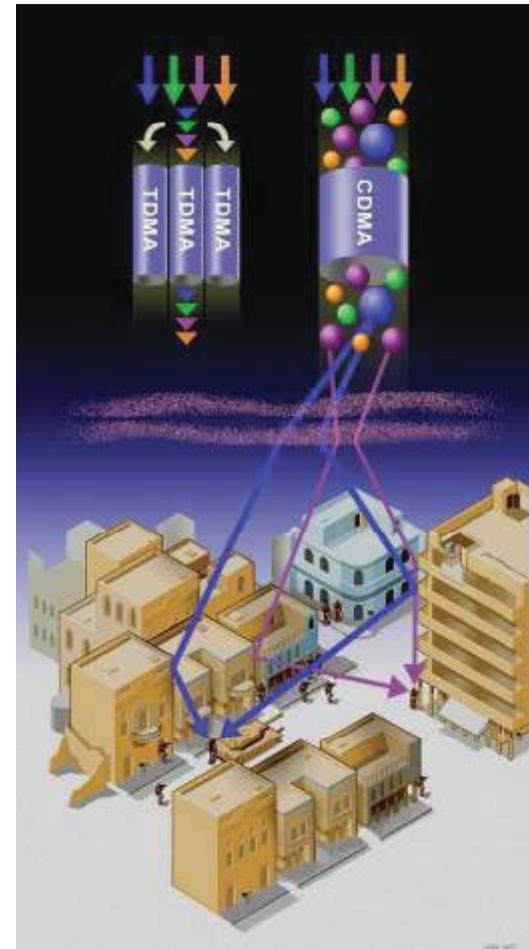


# Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum WCDMA Supports Comms on the Move

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- **Inherent multi-path gain enabled by recombination with rake receiver**
  - Single satellite link closure to a stressed user (full ops with 4 satellites)
  - Reduced dropouts with soft handover
- **Short frame timing enables near-objective latency**
- **Simultaneous operations with Legacy**
- **Adaptive power control allows transparent maintenance of connectivity and QoS to stressed users**
- **Inherent LPI/LPD/LPE and jamming interference tolerance**



**CDMA**  
Multiple users,  
data rates &  
applications  
sharing  
bandwidth

**TDMA**  
One user at a  
time

**WCDMA**  
overcomes  
ionospheric  
scintillation and  
integrates multi-  
path signals with  
WCDMA RAKE  
receiver (+11dB  
advantage)

***Bandwidth-on-demand capability thriving in stressing environments***

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# Radios for MUOS

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- **Two Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) form factors will be MUOS Compatible**
  - Handheld, Manpack, & Small Form-fit Radio (HMS)
    - JTRS Acquisition Decision Memorandum dated Nov 28, 2007 directs funding of MUOS capable Manpack, with work begun in FY2008.
    - JTRS Manpack engineering design models anticipated by 2011, production in 2012
  - Airborne and Maritime/Fixed Station (AMF)
- **Other Aviation Terminal Efforts**
  - Joint Strike Fighter (JSF)
    - MUOS to be incorporated into Block 4 aircraft
  - Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR)
    - MOA with PMA-209 for ARC-210
  - Army Aviation
    - MOA with PM-AME on ARC-231
    - Awarded study contract to Raytheon to determine required changes to ARC-231



***PMW-146 working with ALL terminal program offices***

# MUOS Waveform / Information

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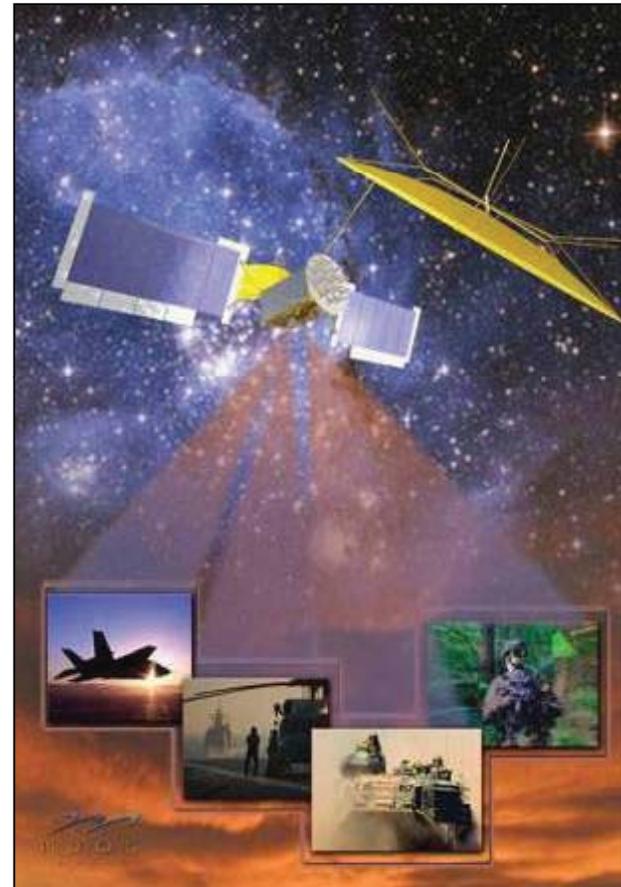
- **The MUOS Waveform is ITAR Sensitive and has the following requirements for distribution:**
  - Proof of U.S. Citizenship
  - Company has valid DD2345 (Militarily Critical Technical Data Agreement)
  - Signed MUOS Use and Non-Disclosure Agreement
- **Location**
  - WF v1.1 and v1.2 are located in the JTRS IR
    - JTRS sponsored registration process (<http://ir-public.jpeojtrs.mil/>)
  - WF v1.2 is available on CD per request to PMW-146
    - Submit request to PMW-146 and follow process provided in the response
  - Future WF Versions, MUOS Technical and Programmatic information
    - MUOS Technology Exchange Website (maintained by PMW-146)
      - Estimate Website will be available May 2009
      - Additional guidance can be found in E-Commerce announcement

# Summary

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- **Current UHF SATCOM systems are reaching end of life**
- **MUOS will replace UFO constellation**
  - Working to on-orbit date of Dec 2011
  - Ground & Waveform development still on schedule
    - End-to-End service with “Secure Comms”
    - MUOS Waveform being distributed to developers; waiting for final version
- **MUOS will provide a significant increase in narrowband communication capability**



***MUOS is vital to future UHF SATCOM operations and will change the way services are delivered!***