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618TH AOC CONTROLLED SORTIES

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

AIRLIFT

AIRCRAFT	SORTIES	PASSENGERS	TONS
C-5	8,954	29,620	73,810
C-17	53,599	770,908	470,579
C-130	6,385	10,006	4,517
CONTRACT	34,909	1,167,666	282,085
MISC*	11,739	21,169	6,000
TOTALS:	115,586	1,999,369	836,991

*Misc airlift missions represents organic missions flown by AMC aircraft other than the C-5, C-17 and C-130 airframes.

AIR-TO-AIR REFUELING

AIRCRAFT	SORTIES	GALLONS PASSED
KC-10	928	8,746,567
KC-135	3,075	25,012,029
TOTALS:	4,003	33,758,596

AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION

TYPE	MOVEMENTS
URGENT - as soon as possible	299
PRIORITY - within 24 hours	1,932
ROUTINE - within 72 hours	18,596
TOTALS: (on 3,875 sorties)	20,827

OTHER NUMBERS

DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES	380,892
JOINT EXERCISE SORTIES	1,071
FLYING HOURS CONTROLLED	447,137
WEATHER PACKAGES GENERATED	92,206
DATA REQUESTS ANSWERED	3,795

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2010 IN REVIEW

JANUARY - APRIL

- Air Mobility Command (AMC) forces were among the first to respond following a 7.0-magnitude earthquake that devastated Haiti Jan. 12. Within six hours of the quake, multiple AMC crews were ready to respond. By the end of the effort months later, 618th AOC-controlled aircraft flew a total of 2,290 sorties moving 27,000 passengers, 14,000 tons of cargo and 290 patients to definitive medical care. AMC tankers also delivered 885,000 pounds of fuel to 45 receiver aircraft.

- Air Force tanker aircraft, flying missions planned by the 618th AOC, supported the 2010 Winter Olympics by providing fuel to U.S. Air Force E-3 Sentries and Canadian CF-18 Hornets flying security patrols over Vancouver. These efforts ensured the safety of 2,600 athletes from nearly 90 nations during the 17-day event.

- AMC C-17s flew humanitarian relief missions into Chile after an 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck the South American country Feb. 27. The aircraft delivered more than 80 Airmen and 67 tons of medical equipment from Kelly Field, Texas, to help those impacted by the quake.

- The 618th AOC adjusted all AMC flight operations transiting through Europe after a volcano in Iceland erupted in mid-April, sending tons of ash into heavily used airways. By the time the volcanic ash cleared, 624 AMC missions were re-routed by 618th AOC personnel. These efforts guaranteed the safe delivery of 47,000 passengers, 17,000 tons of cargo, and 108 medical patients with minimal delay.

- AMC's ops hub mitigated the closure of the Transit Center at Manas, when civil unrest led to a coup in Kyrgyzstan. By re-routing troop transport missions from Manas to other locations, the 618th AOC enabled the continuous flow of troops to support combat operations in Afghanistan.

MAY - AUGUST

- An AMC C-17, tasked by the 618th AOC, delivered more than 100,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies valued at \$250,000 to Tajikistan May 16, following two weeks of flooding and mudslides in the nation. The cargo delivered by U.S. forces included tents and other supplies to provide temporary shelter for those displaced by the disaster.

- The 618th AOC hosted officers from the International Security Assistance Force, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, and U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) May 26 and 27, to discuss optimized utilization of airfield infrastructure in Afghanistan. The multinational group of officers met to devise improved operational procedures to increase use of the airfield parking ramps to improve the delivery and forward movement of everything from the M-ATVs to food and water rations for troops engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

- The 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center, Eighteenth Air Force's hub for worldwide airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation, was re-designated as the 618th Air and Space Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center) on Aug. 30. The decision was the result of Headquarters Air Force direction to adopt a standard terminology across all of the Air Force's Air and Space Operations Centers.

- AMC aircraft delivered 59 troops and multiple large vehicles to Bagram Air Base, Aug. 31, marking the final airlift missions for the Presidentially directed 30,000 troop plus-up in Afghanistan. U.S. President Barack Obama announced the decision to deploy the 30,000 additional troops Dec. 1, 2009. Two days later, an AMC C-17 touched down at an airfield the Helmand Province, carrying the first OEF plus-up cargo from the 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. Over the next 271 days, active-duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and commercial partners flew more than 3,500 point-to-point airlift flights for the plus-up operations.

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

- A combination of U.S. forces, including mobility aircraft tasked by the 618th AOC's Theater Direct Delivery cell, diligently responded to the call for aid in Pakistan after major floods displaced thousands during the country's overwhelming monsoon season. Shortly after receiving the request for support, 618th AOC-tasked C-17s delivered 263,000 meals to people in need.

- A forward-deployed C-17 and its crew, from the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, hit a major milestone Oct. 21 when they delivered the millionth ton of Theater Direct Delivery cargo to CENTCOM troops at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

- An Air Force aeromedical evacuation crew moved a New York Times photographer from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Oct. 24, after the 44-year-old man was injured by a land mine in Kandahar province. The mission was planned and command and controlled by the 618th AOC, and the photographer was one of approximately 21,000 patient movements performed by AMC teams in 2010.

- AMC forces delivered the first of 17 M1A1 Abrams tanks to military forces in Afghanistan on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 25), marking the first time U.S.-owned tanks have deployed in support of OEF operations. The tanks were requested by Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Richard P. Mills, commander of Afghanistan's Regional Command-Southwest.

- The C-17 fleet reached its two millionth flight hour on a 618th AOC-controlled airdrop mission over Afghanistan Dec. 10. This milestone came just four years after the fleet passed the million hour mark -- which took 16 years of service to achieve.

618th AOC Mission:

The 618th AOC is AMC's global air operations center responsible for command and control of Air Force and commercial air mobility assets, 24/7/365.

618th Air and Space Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center)
2010 Year in Review

The 618th Air and Space Operations Center delivered a banner year in 2010. As the primary command and control facility for Eighteenth Air Force and Air Mobility Command, the 618th AOC plans, tasks, and executes airlift, air refueling, and aeromedical evacuation missions around the globe.

The 618th AOC launched into 2010 with the Afghan Surge, delivering 30,000 additional troops to Afghanistan. This effort maxed out our active-duty resources, requiring Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve assets to ensure success. The surge took 3,367 sorties to complete, and was executed simultaneously with force reduction efforts in Iraq, requiring movement of 50,000 troops out of Iraq and back to the U.S. by the end of August. The 618th AOC met this ambitious timeline without error, an amazing feat considering the event that followed.

In the midst of Afghanistan plus-up and Iraq drawdown, the 618th AOC also reacted to a 7.0 magnitude earthquake that ravaged Haiti. Within 48 hours, AMC delivered search and rescue teams, and dispatched military teams to provide critical infrastructure and security. When the volume of aid at the airport overwhelmed the distribution process, mobility forces immediately established an air bridge that delivered 2,000 troops and 805 vehicles in only 108 hours. In the end, 618th AOC-tasked crews flew more than 2,300 sorties moving 27,000 personnel and 14,000 tons of relief supplies.

As operations in Haiti concluded, the Eyjafjallajökull volcano in Iceland erupted, crippling air travel over northern Europe and impacting the air logistics flow. In response, the 618th AOC shifted aircraft, aircrews, and support personnel from Germany to Spain, allowing operations in support of Iraq and Afghanistan to continue, and established a westbound flow through the Pacific to ensure support to our warfighting force. In total, we rerouted 624 missions to mitigate this threat which guaranteed the resupply of our forces.

As the Afghan Surge and Iraq drawdown neared completion, AMC responded to record flooding in Pakistan that killed 15,000 and displaced two million. 618th AOC missions delivered 273,000 meals within 48 hours, and airlifted Marine and Army helicopter units from the U.S. to assist with distribution of the overwhelming international aid that Pakistan received.

During all of these operations, the 618th AOC simultaneously supported 15 overseas trips by President Obama and Vice President Biden. For each visit, AMC missions deployed and re-deployed limousines, Secret Service personnel, and other support required.

In the air refueling arena, the 618th AOC maintained a tanker force capable of responding at a moment's notice. We employed this force in 2010 to support intercepts of foreign aircraft over Alaska, commercial aircraft with suspected terrorist bombs on board, as well as our President during movements abroad. We also employed these tankers to deliver 190 fighter aircraft to U.S. Central Command in the largest force rotation in the last five years.

On top of all of these efforts, 618th AOC-tasked mission aeromedically evacuated 21,000 wounded warriors and other medical patients to definitive medical care, averaging only 72 hours to return a wounded warrior to U.S. soil after being injured. Unfortunately, some of our wounded made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our way of life. In 2010, we solemnly returned 663 fallen heroes, providing closure to the families who sacrificed so much.

Despite this high operations tempo, 618th AOC personnel found time to support our local communities through five Habitat for Humanity projects, four blood drives, running in the Susan G. Komen "Race for a Cure" relay which raised \$30,000 for cancer research, provided a 7-person team to work at the St. Louis soup kitchen, and collected 200 gifts for an in-resident home for abused youths.