

UNIT HIGHLIGHTS

CAPSTONE visit – Newly selected general officers, flag officers, and senior executive service members enrolled in the CAPSTONE Military Leadership Program visited the 618th Air and Space Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center) Feb. 10, as part of their tour of United States Transportation Command. The CAPSTONE Program is mandated by the Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act of 1986, which requires newly selected general officers, flag officers and senior executive service members to complete a course designed to prepare them for work with armed forces from other nations.

Operation Tomodachi: 1 Year later – When the island nation of Japan was struck with an 8.9-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami on March 11, 2011, the world answered the call with an unprecedented response -- and so did mobility and contingency Airmen. At the 618th Air Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center) at Scott AFB, work was also getting done to aid the effort. Responsible for the command and control of AMC aircraft missions around the world, the TACC was quick to respond, immediately planning missions to Japan. Within the first 24 hours following the disaster, three C-17 Globemaster III missions were launched. The first aircraft, operated by the 62nd Airlift Wing departed March 12, 2011, carrying more than 30 tons of cargo. The second aircraft departed less than 30 minutes later from Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

“Excellent” Operations – More than 50 inspectors conducted a Mission Capability and Compliance Inspection March 5 to 12. The Air Mobility Command Inspector General Team evaluated the unit’s capability to perform and respond to a variety of different scenarios. The TACC met performance requirements in all inspectable areas, and achieved the overall rating of “Excellent.”

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618TH AOC CONTROLLED SORTIES

January 1, 2012 – March 31, 2012

AIRLIFT

AIRCRAFT	SORTIES	PASSENGERS	TONS
C-5	969	4,761	15,314
C-17	8,323	156,913	83,153
C-130	614	784	369
CONTRACT	5,736	226,340	59,154
MISC *	1,777	4,460	1,293
TOTALS:	17,419	393,258	159,283

*Subtracted Aeromedical Evacuation and Air Refueling sorties.

AIR-TO-AIR REFUELING

AIRCRAFT	SORTIES	GALLONS PASSED
KC-10	89	1,288,029
KC-135	298	2,776,179
TOTALS:	387	4,064,208

AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION

TYPE	MOVEMENTS
URGENT – as soon as possible	42
PRIORITY – within 24 hours	225
ROUTINE – within 72 hours	2,172
TOTALS	2,439

OTHER NUMBERS

DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES	75,590
JOINT EXERCISE SORTIES	141
FLYING HOURS CONTROLLED	83,016

The 618th AOC (TACC) is Air Mobility Command’s global air operations center responsible for command and control of Air Force and commercial air mobility assets, 24/7/365.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIGHT (JANUARY-MARCH 2012)

Mobility Management (XOB)

- Championed the "Mobility Mission Linking Initiative," positioning C-5s and crews from Travis AFB, Calif. at Dover AFB, Del. The initiative eliminates empty positioning and de-positioning legs and has saved tax payers over \$1.3M in just three months.
- Sourced 65 tankers moving 252 fighter aircraft in the largest Air Expeditionary Force swap in history.
- Provided a Total Force team of aircraft and aircrews to participate in JTF DGAR (Diego Garcia). C-5Bs lifted over 5,400 STons of cargo and 96 helicopters in support of multi-modal operations from Diego Garcia to Afghanistan.
- Provided seven C-17s and 11 C-130s to support Joint Operational Access Exercise 12-01 at Fort Bragg, N.C. XOB met training requirements for 5,260 paratroopers from the 82d Airborne Division as well as aircrews from six different flying wings.
- Met a short notice request for an add on exercise; crafted solution without interfering with existing requirements.

Global Mobility Weather Operations (XOW)

- Generated more than 10,000 electronic weather packages with more than 5,000 weather hazard charts and 1,000 mitigated sorties. This supported over 16,000 sorties, including direct support of 30 tanker missions during Exercise NEPTUNE FALCON.
- Supplied vital spring flood assessment for Afghanistan and disseminated over 50 daily weather outlook briefings for key Northern Distribution Network ground access routes during the Pakistan Ground Lines of Communication closure.
- Received overall "Excellent" rating during Mission Capability and Compliance Inspection from over 350 checklist items. Eight XOW personnel recognized by Inspector General for superior performance during the inspection.
- Received Air Force level award, "Outstanding Specialized Weather Support Unit of the Year," for 2011.

Director of Operations (XOZ)

- Directed execution and successful movement of 4,600 STons of cargo during JTF-DGAR 25/159 Combat Aviation Brigade rotations. Flew 87 missions with 93.1% reliability rate, closing the helicopter swap on time.
- Completed Operation DEEP FREEZE WINFLY supporting National Science Foundation moving 6.33 million pounds of cargo and 5,155 passengers on 158 sorties to Antarctica.
- Directed the no-notice, reallocation of aircraft and crews to move forces necessary to rescue American aid worker, Jessica Buchanan, held hostage in Somalia.
- Executed AFRICOM Exercise ATLAS ACCORD 12 in western Africa. Forces flew 12 air-land and airdrop missions that built partnership capacity and operational logistics interoperability in austere environments and enhanced counter terrorism capabilities of partner nations.

Global Readiness (XOP)

- Coordinated four complex lung team patient moves from OEF, synching aircraft and medical crews to pick up urgent patients in theater, and expediting the transit to higher echelons of care.
- Reorganized the AE mission schedule, improving OEF mission routing and dropping worldwide aircraft usage by 16%.
- Deployed 136 personnel from 32 AE Squadrons in support of OEF. Missions transported 373 patients home in less than 72 hours.
- Planned and supported missions across seven Combatant Commands by flying 477 missions in direct support of OEF.
- Turned and planned the redeployment of 308 STons of cargo and 178 vehicles ahead of USCENTCOM Retrograde directives.
- Accelerated a short notice priority deployment of 2,500 passengers and 2,600 STons of cargo that were re-routed and delivered on time.
- Deployed mission support elements for POTUS overseas travel.
- Mitigated Pakistan convoy closures by diverting 975 STons of cargo to a multi modal operation for an on time delivery.
- Coordinated delivery and swapout of 60 V-Hull Strykers and 80 V-hull MATVs. The state-of-the-art vehicles accelerated into Theater saving countless lives.

Global Channel Operations (XOG)

- Operated the 1st U.S. Flagged Commercial Carrier "wide body" channel mission from Dover AFB, Del. to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan on Feb 23. Frequency of these types of missions will increase to two per week.
- Planned and operated AMC's first non-stop C5B channel mission airlifting 32 pallets and 28 STons from Dover AFB, Del. The mission included one A/R over British Air Space, to Bagram, AB Afghanistan. The mission took 13 hours and 50 minutes to complete, and used normal established routings that previously required crew rest and fuel in Europe.
- Expedited a movement from Dover AFB, Del. to Bagram, AB Afghanistan carrying 1,984 fuel drums needed to resupply remote posts.
- Initiated a weekly C-5 channel mission to the Pacific. This mission is very reliable, and is a proof of principle for similar missions.
- Orchestrated movement of 61 fallen warriors on 145 missions, ensuring their timely return to waiting family members.

Mission Support (XON)

- The Data Division analyzed more than 24,000 airlift mission departures, completed more than 455 queries, reconciled over 700 air refueling missions, capturing more than 44,591,400 Lbs of fuel passed to 1,707 receivers.
- The Technology Division completed work on 75 internal taskings implementing many changes and enhancements to tools such as the SAAM planning checklist, Flight Manager DIP tools, and the AOC Personnel Tracker.

Current Operations (XOO)

- Special Assignment Airlift Mission personnel planned more than 525 missions, moving nearly 75,000 passengers and 11,808 tons of cargo. These missions supported the POTUS, VPOTUS, SecDef, SecState, Secretary of the Air Force, CJCS, NATO Air Chiefs, international Treaty efforts, Counter Drug and numerous other military and civilian agencies all over the world.
- Planned 89 missions delivering 8,014 passengers and 8.44 million pounds of cargo for Department of Defense special users.
- The Air Refueling Division planned more than 430 A/R sorties and A/R support for over 130 fighter aircraft movements off-loading 39.2 million pounds of fuel, including support for POTUS, JSTARS (ISR), AFNORTH Exercise, OEF, counter drug operations, STRACOM exercises and ONE.
- Information Operations conducted a successful Anti-Phishing Exercise resulting in a 12% reduction of "phished" personnel from a previous exercise.

Command and Control (XOC)

- Executed airlift missions delivering more than 4,900 passengers and 4,300 STons of cargo supporting POTUS trips within the U.S. and the Pacific enabling AMC's #1 customer to attend and participate in the historic multi-nation 2012 Seoul Nuclear Security Summit in South Korea.
- Command and controlled 87 airlift missions supporting the Army's Combat Aviation Brigade Multi-Modal Strategic Airlift missions, ensuring the deployment of over 60 helicopters, 95 pieces of rolling stock and 466 container of cargo; and the redeployment of over 5 helicopters, 119 pieces of rolling stock and 567 containers of cargo in less than 30 days.
- Worked the execution of Operation DEEP FREEZE. Overcoming the environmental factions, over 5,100 passengers and over 3100 STons of cargo were safely delivered. Also, multinational distinguished visitors were transported to and from Antarctica.
- Managed the repair of 850 aircraft at 93 locations with an average repair time of 25.7 hours. These recoveries were facilitated by movement of 156 maintenance recovery teams, 391 pieces of equipment, and 1,025 parts.
- Flight managers mitigated warfighter fuel re-supply issues, maximizing policy for tanker fuel and reducing fuel consumption in Afghanistan by 12.3 million pounds.
- Executed 12,476 flight-managed sorties.
- Theater Direct Delivery executed over 110 airdrops delivering 5.5 million pounds of cargo to remote bases in Afghanistan., and executed the first OEF passenger mission through Incirlik Turkey, opening new routes to bring troops home.
- The Command Center received, processed, and disseminated more than 250 sensitive and time-critical reports. They also relayed 33 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty Messages notifications to AOC and Wing level agencies for action, and validated 1,974 CJCS, COCOM, and USAF exercise emergency action messages.