

# UNIT HIGHLIGHTS

## In midst of Syrian crisis, Mobility Airmen deliver aid

Mobility Airmen delivered the first shipment of nonlethal U.S. aid to the armed Syrian opposition April 30.

The shipment, transported by a regionally-based C-17 Globemaster III crew from the 385th Air Expeditionary Group, delivered approximately 43 tons of halal meals and medical supplies, and served as the initial response to the President's direction to provide up to \$10 million in aid.

According to defense officials, the U.S., which is the largest humanitarian donor to the Syrian crisis, has provided more than \$385 million in humanitarian assistance to date. Those efforts have aided more than 2.4 million people inside Syria and hundreds of thousands of refugees in neighboring countries.

The complex delivery effort, orchestrated by planners at U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Transportation Command, the 18th Air Force and the 618th Air and Space Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center) began weeks ago combining the efforts of Department of Defense and State Department officials across the globe.

The operation is nothing new for the Mobility Air Forces. 18th Air Force Airmen have a history of providing life-saving aid in the wake of major humanitarian crises through their unique capabilities of airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation. Those capabilities have delivered hope to those in need across the globe, including transporting French military forces to Mali to battle extremists, delivering Patriot missile batteries to bolster Turkey's defenses, and aiding in relief efforts during last year's Superstorm Sandy.

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## 618TH AOC CONTROLLED SORTIES

April 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

### AIRLIFT

AIRCRAFT	SORTIES	PASSENGERS	TONS
C-5	812	5,066	10,434
C-17	7,963	109,059	79,954
C-130	561	991	331
CONTRACT	3,736	172,827	29,354
MISC *	1,313	3,400	971
TOTALS:	14,385	291,343	121,043

\*Aeromedical Evacuation and Air Refueling sorties not included

### AIR-TO-AIR REFUELING

AIRCRAFT	SORTIES	GALLONS PASSED
KC-10	107	1,405,119
KC-135	185	1,651,507
TOTALS:	292	3,056,626

### AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION

TYPE	MOVEMENTS
URGENT – as soon as possible	12
PRIORITY – within 24 hours	36
ROUTINE – within 72 hours	1,943
TOTALS	1,991

### OTHER NUMBERS

DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES	
JOINT EXERCISE SORTIES	424
FLYING HOURS CONTROLLED	64,635

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## Contributions to the Fight April–June 2013

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIGHT (April—June 2013)

### PLANNING

#### Global Mobility Weather Operations (XOW)

- Provided continuous watch and 72-hour threat assessment for the generation of electronic weather packages, A/R forecasts and weather hazard charts for more than 14,000 TACC-controlled movement sorties. Packages enabled the successful movement of 275,000 passengers and 115,000 STons of cargo.
- Delivered 15+ METOC updates to 18<sup>th</sup> Air Force leadership detailing direct impacts to AFTRANS, effectively enabling aircrews to safely stage and move aircraft in support JUNIPER MICRON. As a result, 702 STons of cargo, and 257 passengers were safely transported across 96 sorties.

#### Global Readiness (XOP)

- Commercial passengers planned 82,400 troop movements in support of OEF.
- Validated, planned and executed 27 missions deploying assets to support President Obama's largest and longest visit to Africa. Four itinerary stops, 162 passengers and 773 STons of cargo positioned on time.
- Deployed a 453 STons Theater High-altitude Air Defense System to counter repeated threats towards the US and its territories.
- Supported the deployment and redeployment of 16 exercises across eight COCOMs in 14 countries, 8,971 passengers and 2,100 STons.
- Redeployed 7,990 STons through Southwest Asia delivering 29 C-17 loads to theater and redeployed 82 strykers and 225 MRAPS/MATVs from theater. Additionally validated multimodal operations and established a working framework between multimodal and TDD for upcoming retrogrades.

#### Global Channel Operations (XOG)

- In coordination with United States Army Aviation and Missile Command, expedited the movement of 46 rotary wing blades and 8 horizontal stabilizers to repair returning grounded helicopters to mission capable status.
- Returned 78 fallen warriors on 136 missions to family members.
- Coordinated transport of 828 MICAP parts on 923 missions and returned 700+ aircraft to mission capable status.
- Synchronized travel for Mission Recovery Teams, moved 230 members on 153 missions in support of mission impaired aircraft.
- Airlifted 35 tons of OSD high-visibility FMS Purple Sheet.
- Airlifted approximately 61 tons of an Iraq Avenger Battery shipment from McGuire to Kuwait as part of a Foreign Military Sales movement. The shipment consisted of eight Avenger Fire units on HUMVEEs, two battery command posts, and other associated materials. Material moved on a 747 and two add-on C-17s.

### Current Operations (X00)

- Planned A/R support for 93 fighter movements, supporting 816 fighter aircraft and offloading more than 14 million pounds of fuel.
- Planned more than 190 missions, offloading over 7 million pounds of fuel. Additionally, the branch planned AR support for the National Airborne Command Center (NAOC) while POTUS attended the G-8 Summit in Ireland and visited several African countries.
- Planned 10 A/R missions, primarily supporting POTUS travel within the CONUS, offloading 540K lbs of fuel.
- Promoted OPSEC and cyber awareness/security by publishing and distributing 12 weekly IOT Newsletters.
- Planned 454 total missions; 13,754 STons cargo; moved 36,935 passengers. Significant missions include two POTUS OCONUS moves (Mexico/Europe); a VPOTUS OCONUS move to South America; two human remains missions; and an urgent movement of up-armored MATVs.

### TASKING

#### Mobility Management (XOB)

- Orchestrated HQ AMC's \$150M JA/ATT program; 413 contracts reviewed and 248 validated--43,000 paratroopers airdropped
- Allocated 22 C-130s, 6 C-17s for 18AF, 18 ABN and CCs premier joint exercise; 2,000 jumpers and equipment on time and target
- Sourced aircraft for 180 AE taskings, 7 Channels, 215 SAAMs and 38 Priority A JA/ATTS
- Cost savings; scrubbed 248 joint missions for training inefficiencies; slashed 120 MPA days--saved \$36K
- Allocated KC-10s and KC-135s in support of largest Banner in history support .
- In coordination with multiple agencies, tasked tanker support for Joint Strike Fighter tests while overcoming Sequestration budget cuts.

### EXECUTION

#### Command and Control (XOC)

- Provided the critical Command and Control for two very important Presidential trips. Division was instrumental in more than 20 high priority Presidential support missions, ensuring POTUS trip to the G8 Summit was a success. Seamlessly executed more than 70 missions for the largest Presidential move to date.
- Provided exceptional support to the USCENCOM/CC. Executed more than 240 inter- and intra-theater sorties, transporting 1,349 passengers and 2,578 STons in support of Exercise Eager Lion.
- Managed the repair of 700+ aircraft at 89 locations with an average repair time of 33.9 hours. These recoveries were facilitated by movement of 130 maintenance recovery teams, 177 pieces of equipment and 753 parts.
- Flight managers executed 11,741 flight-managed sorties.

### Director of Operations (XOZ)

- Met the need for immediate Air Evac for former SECDEF visiting CENTCOM Theater .
- Redeployed Chadian forces from Operation African Lion. Worked numerous airfield issues and coordinated short-notice airlift for maintenance recovery teams and equipment recovering broken aircraft at remote locations.
- Supported the recovery of a commercial B747 which crashed at Bagram Air Base. Moved the remains of 7 crew members to loved ones back home. TACC also supported the National Transportation and Safety Board's request to return cargo associated with their investigation, while implementing NTSB interim cargo restrictions.
- Executed over 70 White House Military Office and contingency missions supporting the POTUS' trip to Africa. Also executed the POTUS' trip to EUCCOM.
- Executed 74 airlift missions and numerous air refueling missions supporting Exercise EAGER LION, providing needed training to help stabilize the region. Deployed a Patriot system, F-16s from the CONUS, F-16s from the CENTCOM theater, a Marine Expeditionary Unit, and other support/operational units.

#### Global Mobility Weather Operations (XOW)

- Oversaw weather support to POTUS G-8 Summit and AFRICOM travel movements, supporting advanced airlift and Air Refueling operations. Weather support provided flawless oversight of over 418 sorties that moved more than 4,000 passengers and more than 4,500 STons of cargo with minimal delays.
- Refined and flawlessly executed AMC weather continuity of operations procedures for non-flight managed missions. Coordination with AMC and 12 AMC Weather flights resulted in ensuring 100% support for 25 MAF units.

### ASSESSMENT

#### Mission Support (XON)

- Worked, in partnership with the AFRC Force Generation Center, in establishing an airlift mission data capture process. This cooperation continues to improve the overall visibility of movement data for active and reserve missions.
- Completed extensive consults with AMC and USTRANSCOM, allowing Air Force Research Lab to continue identifying business requirements of Global Mobility Scheduling while beginning new efforts to integrate research into Dynamic Mission Replanning improvement.
- Conducted detailed process analysis needed to incorporate execution functions into the 618th AOC Interactive Mission Record. Development focused on implementing the barrel function and the new checklist building capability from a standardized master checklist item list.