

UNIT HIGHLIGHTS

Mobility Key to Rescue — After an Air Force pilot ejected from his F-16 Fighting Falcon into the North Pacific July 22, he found himself under the watchful eyes of Mobility Airmen, who worked to ensure his recovery less than six hours later

A KC-135 Stratotanker belonging to the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., and two others belonging to the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, Japan, were among the first on scene in the wake of the late morning incident, relaying news to the TACC.

The TACC provided air traffic controllers at Fukuoka, Japan, and Anchorage, Alaska, with the incident's location, and the information was passed to the Japanese Rescue Coordination Center to begin search and rescue operations. Japanese and U.S. military, coast guard, commercial and research vessels worked together to ultimately rescue the pilot and return him to his home station of Misawa Air Force Base, Japan.

The Journey Home — A C-17 Globemaster III, under the command and control of the TACC answered the urgent call to fly 36 passengers to safety out of Libya following the attack on the U.S. Consulate Sept. 12 that had resulted in the death of the U.S. ambassador and three others.

The mission, executed Sept. 12, moved the individuals to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, for medical treatment and follow on travel to the United States where they landed at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and were greeted by President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta.

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618TH AOC CONTROLLED SORTIES

July 1, 2012 — September 30, 2012

AIRLIFT

AIRCRAFT	SORTIES	PASSENGERS	TONS
C-5	1,028	8,903	14,169
C-17	9,007	144,003	91,993
C-130	1,140	1,839	1,189
CONTRACT	5,079	201,272	46,279
MISC *	2,775	5,319	1,571
TOTALS:	19,029	361,336	155,201

*Subtracted Aeromedical Evacuation and Air Refueling sorties.

AIR-TO-AIR REFUELING

AIRCRAFT	SORTIES	GALLONS PASSED
KC-10	165	2,263,894
KC-135	623	5,499,447
TOTALS:	788	7,763,341

AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION

TYPE	MOVEMENTS
URGENT – as soon as possible	14
PRIORITY – within 24 hours	228
ROUTINE	3,078
TOTALS	3,320

OTHER NUMBERS

DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES	62,455
JOINT EXERCISE SORTIES	287
FLYING HOURS CONTROLLED	80,393

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIGHT (JULY–SEPTEMBER 2012)

Mission Support (XON)

- Successfully conducted fiscal year 2012 closeout, obligating 100% of the received Operations and Management and Transportation Working Capital Fund funds.
- Funded six key unit projects exceeding \$685,000 through FY12. Those projects included the Air Force Institute of Technology manpower study, COP overlay, operations floor security doors, a security DVR system, and an alternate AOC site generator.
- Keen budget formulation and sound funding management freed \$136,000 of end of year funding that was used to buy critical information technology refresh requirements while eradicating drains on limited command funding resources.

Global Readiness (XOP)

- The Aeromedical Evacuation division planned and executed a unique AE rescue mission from Tripoli, Libya. Within eight hours from the initial notification, the mission was launched to transport 33 passengers, three critical patients, and four human remains. All three patients survived their critical injuries.
- Executed 51 C-5 multi-modal missions to deliver 78 US Army helicopters and 2,600 STons of cargo transloaded from European sea and air ports for onward movement into theater.
- Moved more than 10,000 troops through an alternate transload location using both commercial and organic aircraft. The operation proved the viability of the airfield as a passenger hub and gives the warfighter greater flexibility to meet requirements.
- Successfully met timeline for the 23,000 troop drawdown returning troop levels down to 68,000.
- Supported six combatant commands in 15 exercises worldwide. Planned 158 missions moving more than 1,900 STons and over 13,000 passengers.

Director of Operations (XOZ)

- Formulated and executed the rescue/recovery/evacuation mission in Libya after the U.S. embassy attack. The C-17 was airborne within hours after the initial call and back to Ramstein in record so survivors could be provided urgent care.
- Flexed the Mobility Air Forces fleet to support emerging, no-notice taskings moving resources into the U.S. Central Command theater, many times within 24 hours, for immediate response to riots.
- As the focal point for the search and rescue of an F-16, XOZ coordinated between the tanker escorts, the fighter aircraft and naval vessels in the area to safely recover the F-16 pilot and later transferred him to the U.S.
- Moved C-130 aircraft to locations in Boise, Id. and Colorado Springs, Colo. in support of West Coast firefighting operations due to wide spread and unprecedented wildfires.

Command and Control (XOC)

- Redeployed more than 30,000 troops through the Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan to bring an end to the December 2009, Afghanistan surge. Troop levels were reduced to the President of the United States mandated level 10 days before the deadline.
- Secured immediate international clearances and executed the mission recovering U.S. Embassy staff and human remains.
- Identified global flight efficiencies saving \$4.99 million and 822,000 gallons of fuel.
- Flight managers executed 13,887 flight-managed sorties.

Global Channel Operations (XOG)

- Established a C-5M dedicated channel to Operation Enduring Freedom, increasing the normal schedule from two to three C-5Ms a week. Operated 33 missions and airlifted more than 4,250 STons. The additional weekly mission allows the reduction of 23 C-17 channel missions, saving 894 flying hours and approximately \$2.5 million in flying hour costs.
- Eliminated empty legs on 27 C-17 missions and eight C-5 missions, moving a total of 714 STons of channel cargo from Afghanistan. Additionally, two B-747s were added to move Defense Logistic Agency cargo generated at Gernersheim, Germany from Ramstein to Bagram.
- A weekly roundtrip B-747/MD-11 from Germany to Afghanistan was implemented to support sustained cargo generation.
- Solicited and scheduled 31 ad hoc commercial wide body missions in response to over 2,300 STons of armor improvement kits to upgrade OEF warfighter vehicles.
- Returned 106 fallen warriors on 183 missions.
- Coordinated transport for 1,032 mission capable pieces on 976 missions, and returned over 546 aircraft to mission capable status. Synchronized travel for mission recovery teams moving 219 members on 179 missions.

Current Operations (XOO)

- Special Assignment Airlift Mission personnel planned more than 744 missions, moving nearly 70,000 passengers and 20,000 STons 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.
- The Air Refueling Division planned air refueling support for more than 600 combat aircraft (125 direct theater support) on 628 sorties, offloading more than 50 million pounds of fuel. The A/R missions supported multiple contingency swap out missions in support of OEF, multiple Foreign Military Sales missions, several US Marine Corps pre-deployment exercises, POTUS, JSTARS (ISR), Republican and Democratic National Conventions, Operation Noble Eagle, SecDef, counter drug operations, and STRATCOM exercises and rotations.

- XOO also planned 191 missions delivering 8,243 passengers and 13.3 million pounds of cargo for Department of Defense special users.

Global Mobility Weather Operations (XOW)

- Provided continuous watch and 36-hour threat assessment for the generation of electronic weather packages, air refueling forecasts and weather hazard charts for more than 18,500 TACC-controlled sorties, enabling the successful execution of 22 polar flight missions, saving over \$11.8 million in fuel.
- Provided more than 25 weather updates to support Kadena and Yokota Air Bases, Japan, aiding in the evacuation of over 50 aircraft and 300 aircrew members due to typhoons.
- Detailed the direct impact, status and long range threat assessment of a wildfire outbreak across a three-state region, enabling leadership to effectively plan and execute 300 sorties to support wildfire fighting efforts.
- Delivered more than 10 meteorological and oceanographic updates enabling aircrews to safely stage aircraft in preparation for noncombatant evacuation operations from hostile areas.
- Expanded the weather threat assessment tool to detail weather impacts to missions from 36 to 72 hours. This enables mission planners to effectively mitigate weather impacts on high priority missions. Hands-on training was provided to planning SMEs, allowing for better integration of weather impacts into the TACC's planning efforts.

Mobility Management (XOB)

- Leveraged support from C-17s and C-130s to ensure POTUS is capable of accelerated movement during the presidential campaign. There was an average of 860 passengers and 1,900 STons of cargo moved each month. Additionally, AMC tankers ensured 24 hour POTUS security delivering 5.26 million pounds of fuel to 218 fighter aircraft across the U.S.
- Supported 283 Joint Airborne/Air Transportability Training missions airdropping 56,000 personnel.
- Allocated aircrew and aircraft to transport 650 AE patients.
- Filled two short-notice, civic leader orientation tour flight requests. More than 50 civic leaders learned about AMC/TACC mission and operations.
- Sourced 41 tanker aircraft supporting 95 receivers with 1.8 million pounds of fuel to provide 24 hour aerial security for the Republican and Democratic national conventions.
- Directed coronet support for 600 US and NATO fighters offloading 26 million pounds of fuel.
- Responded to the Libya Embassy tragedy by generating nine C-17 missions for an immediate U.S. response. Generated short notice alerts, implemented a 15% surge capacity among C-17s and doubled the commitment from C-5 units to respond to the highest airlift tasking levels since November 2011.