Lockheed Martin C-130J Delivery To Air Mobility Command Continues USAF Airlift Recapitalization

Lockheed Martin today delivered the second C-130J Super Hercules to an Air Mobility Command active duty combat delivery unit. After accepting the new C-130J, Maj. Gen. James Hawkins, Commander 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., flew the aircraft to Little Rock AFB, Ark., where it will operate as part of the 463rd Airlift Group.

"The C-130 in general has been a true workhorse. The J-model provides so much more capability, especially in dealing with the high altitude and hot temperatures our crews encounter in Iraq and Afghanistan," said General Hawkins during the delivery ceremony. "What the C-130J will do for air mobility is incredible. One C-130J does the work of three C-130Es. So this recapitalization effort will yield big dividends as we continue to support the Global War on Terror."

The 463rd, which operate a fleet of 13 C-130Es and 14 C-130Hs, is currently scheduled to receive at least 16 C-130Js. The new C-130J is capable of generating much greater operational efficiencies than the older C-130s by flying further, faster, with more payload and higher reliability. Additionally, the C-130J only requires three crew members for most missions so fewer flight crew members are exposed to potential threats in theater. C-130Js are currently deployed in two combat theaters and are operating at a very high tempo efficiently and reliably. C-130Js are being used daily for troop and equipment re-supply via ground delivery and airdrop, for air-to-air refueling, ground refueling and humanitarian relief. The worldwide fleet of C-130Js has now exceeded 350,000 flight hours.

In the United States, Air Mobility Command, Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard units fly C-130Js. The Marine Corps operates KC-130J tankers and the Coast Guard flies the HC-130J. International C-130J operators include the Royal Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force, Italian Air Force and the Royal Danish Air Force.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The corporation reported 2006 sales of $39.6 billion.

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