Air Mobility Commander C-130J Delivery Continues U.S. Air Force Airlift Modernization

Lockheed Martin today delivered the 13th of 16 C130J Super Hercules to Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The aircraft will be assigned to the 41st Airlift Squadron, the first active-duty combat C-130J squadron in the U.S. Air Force. This latest C-130J Super Hercules was accepted by Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"While this isn't my first Lockheed Martin delivery this year [C-5M], this is my first C-130J delivery, and I have been looking forward to this great opportunity," said General Lichte. "And we [the Air Force] couldn't have done it without you [Lockheed Martin] and the great leadership of this organization along with the hard work of each individual on the floor who builds these aircraft each and every day."

C-130Js from the 41st Airlift Squadron "Black Cats" are engaged in high-tempo operations in multiple combat theaters. The C-130J is a proven airlifter that has been selected by 11 countries with 173 delivered of the 263 ordered to date. The C-130J is a flexible, multimission aircraft that has been delivered in varied configurations to meet a wide-range of operational needs. Worldwide, the C130J fleet has accumulated over 500,000 flight hours.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 146,000 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 2008 sales of $42.7 billion.

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