Lockheed Martin C-5M Super Galaxy Honored For World Record

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The C-5M Super Galaxy was honored yesterday by the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) for setting one of the most memorable aviation records of 2009.

The NAA, as the official record keeper for U.S. aviation, tracks dozens of world and national record attempts each year and annually selects the most memorable.

The record for greatest payload was set on September 13, 2009 after loading a C-5M Super Galaxy with pallets totaling 176,450 pounds. This weight exceeds the capability of any other Air Force airlifter, yet represents only 62% of the C-5M's maximum payload capability. The Dover Air Force Base, Del., aircrew departed on a mission that set a total of 41 world records. This was the first of those records, and it beat the previous record of 161,023 pounds set in 1993.

"We are very thankful for the support from the U.S. Air Force and Team Dover for making these records possible," said Lorraine Martin, Lockheed Martin C-5 program vice president. "The world record-breaking capabilities of C-5M are ensuring the warfighters receive the support they need to accomplish their mission."

The C-5M's demonstrated improvements in performance and efficiency validate the tremendous value to the taxpayer in modernizing proven and viable aircraft. The C-5 can carry twice the cargo of other strategic airlift systems and is the only strategic airlifter with the capability to carry 100 percent of certified air-transportable cargo.

The C-5M is a modernized version of the A, B and C models of the C-5 and has redefined strategic airlift with its unique capabilities and increased reliability. It is also the most cost-effective upgrade for the taxpayer. The modernization program literally pays for itself through operational and maintenance savings.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martinis a global security company that 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 2009 sales of $45.2 billion.

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