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Ramstein's new C-130J strengthens airlift in Europe

Ramstein Air Base recently welcomed a new era in tactical airlift with the arrival of its first C-130J.

A crowd of more than 2,000 dignitaries greeted the new bird on April 7, when U.S. Air Force tail number 8601 arrived at Ramstein. Piloted by Gen. Roger Brady, U.S. Air Forces Command Europe (USAFE) commander, the plane had the distinction of being the first of 14 C-130Js that will be based out of Ramstein.

“This aircraft allows us to continue and to enhance the role of airpower, and especially airlift, in this vital part of the world,” Brady said. “We bring a lot to the fight in overseas contingency operations, including humanitarian operations around the world. We also focus on building partnerships, and the C-130J greatly increases our ability to do that.”

Ten C-130Js will be delivered to Ramstein this year, with four more scheduled for delivery in 2010. The new Js will support the Ramstein-based 37th Airlift Squadron, 86th Airlift Wing that has been flying C-130Es. The new planes are the longer C-130J-30 configuration, which is now the standard for recapitalizing the USAF and other air forces worldwide.



USAFE Commander Gen. Roger Brady (right) had the honor of flying Ramstein Air Base's first C-130J to its official delivery ceremony in Germany on April 7, 2009. Brady was greeted by Brig. Gen. William Bender (left), commander of the 86th Airlift Wing that will fly the new Js.

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Ramstein's new J, also known as USAF tail number 8601, is greeted in Germany with a traditional water arch.



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Details of the USAFE shield on the new J.

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*Scenes from Ramstein Air Base
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(l to r): Gen. Roger Brady, Lockheed Martin's C-130 Program Vice President Ross Reynolds and Brig. Gen. William Bender cheer for the new J.

“ Lockheed has developed and built a tactical airlifter that is the envy of the entire world. ”

Brig. Gen. William Bender, 86th Airlift Wing commander