



## Norway To Procure Four C-130Js

Norway has signed a letter of agreement with the U.S. government for four C-130Js, which it plans to use for its troops involved in worldwide operations.



Additionally, the aircraft will be used for humanitarian relief operations in various locations including the Sudan, the Middle East, and Afghanistan. Purchase of new transport aircraft will provide Norway with the ability to operate seamlessly with U.S., NATO and coalition forces engaged in all types of operations and missions.

The proposed sale will allow Norway to fulfill its NATO obligations, furthering NATO rationalization, standardization, and interoperability. Norway has provided support to the Balkans, the Baltics, and the NATO mission in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The first of the four new aircraft will be delivered in 2010.

## Maryland ANG C-130J responds to Peru earthquake

by Tech. Sgt. Sonny Cohrs

Approximately 30 military personnel departed Maryland Aug. 17 in support of relief efforts following the Aug. 15 earthquake near Lima, Peru. The task force, composed of a mobile surgery team, communications specialists and a small security detail, departed the base aboard a C-130J assigned to the Maryland Air National Guard's 135th Airlift Group in Baltimore. The aircraft was the first of two

scheduled to fly relief missions from Soto Cano. "They said, 'an earthquake happened and we need you in Peru,'" said Tech. Sgt. Will Morales, a 135th AG loadmaster.



*U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Sonny Cohrs*

Sergeant Morales and the rest of his crew were in the theater making supply runs from Puerto Rico to Honduras when their mission was diverted to support the relief effort.

Medics from medical element at Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras deployed with a mobile surgery team that is capable of setting up within a few hours of arriving in Peru. The MST brings with it all necessary equipment and personnel to conduct up to seven surgeries back to back upon arrival.

"We can get our equipment set up in an hour and a half to two hours, and two hours after we arrive, we can see our first patient," said Tech. Sgt. Shelby Hatch, a scrub technician deployed to Soto Cano from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.



*U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Sonny Cohrs*

Maj. Paul Valdez, deployed here from Keesler AFB, Miss., said the valuable training the military has provided throughout his career has prepared him for events such as this.

## Fourth C-130J Super Hercules Delivery to Royal Danish Air Force

Lockheed Martin has delivered a fourth C-130J Super Hercules to the Royal Danish Air Force



(RDAF), completing the current order for Denmark. Denmark's first C-130J was delivered in March 2004 and began operational service only one month after arriving at the RDAF's 721 Squadron in Aalborg, Denmark.

RDAF C-130Js are being deployed and in missions around the world and have already accumulated nearly 5,000 flight hours. One RDAF C-130J operating in Kuwait over the past six months has flown 250 missions, transported 1,600 passengers and moved 500,000 pounds of cargo.

RDAF C-130Js were also deployed in support of the tsunami humanitarian relief effort in Southeast Asia and to support the United Nations in Africa. In addition to operating in the hot, harsh conditions of both Southwest and Southeast Asia, RDAF C-130Js have also successfully performed in extremely cold conditions as they flew to "Station North" in Greenland, the most remote location of the Danish Navy and only 580 miles from the North Pole.

## Deliveries Continue to U.S. Air Force's First Active-Duty C-130J Combat Squadron

A third C-130J Super Hercules has been delivered to the 41st Airlift Squadron, a unit of the 463rd Airlift Group, which is based at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The 41st, also known as the



"Black Cats", is the first active-duty C-130J combat squadron in the Air Force and one of the most highly decorated airlift squadrons in U.S. military history. Lt. Gen. Donald J. Hoffman,

Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition at the Pentagon, accepted the new C-130J on behalf of the "Black Cats."

"The C-130J has performed admirably in theater and is demonstrating its capabilities in the most demanding combat environments" said General Hoffman on accepting the aircraft. "As our aging intra-theater airlift and tanker fleets need replacing, we anticipate that the C-130J will be a competitive contender for those missions."

## 'Raiders' Back at it Again

By Lance Cpl. Freddie Coleman MCAS Miramar



Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, nicknamed the Raiders, with Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, continues to make final preparations for their upcoming six-month deployment slated to begin later this month. Sgt. Major Warren Robinson, describes the upcoming six-month evolution as part of the squadron's regular deployment schedule in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

According to Robinson, the squadron always has approximately Marines deployed and rotates similarly-sized detachments every six months. The squadron served in Iraq, their primary duties include air-refuel and cargo transport missions.

"My first deployment with the squadron went very well," said Capt. Chad Nagel, a KC-130J pilot with the Raiders. "We were able to do our jobs efficiently and effectively, which allowed us to get our troops and aircraft home safely."