



**‘New kid on the block’ -
Fourth C-130J for Denmark enters flight test**



The fourth C-130J for the Royal Danish Air Force is now in flight test in Marietta, Georgia. The aircraft, the last in the current order, is scheduled for delivery later this year and will join the three other Danish C-130Js, which are seeing high tempo operations around the world, including in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Maj. Gen. Stig Østergaard Nielsen, RDAF commander Tactical Air Command Denmark and commander Combined Air Operations, recently visited Marietta to see his new aircraft. He is looking forward to seeing the aircraft enter service and fully engage in Denmark’s international airlift operations.

**2,300th C-130 delivered -
U.S. Marine Corps receives milestone aircraft**

On Nov. 29, 2006, Lockheed Martin delivered the 2,300th C-130 Hercules built at its Marietta facility. The milestone aircraft, a KC-130J Super Hercules tanker for the U.S. Marine Corps, was accepted by Maj. Gen. Samuel T. Helland, commanding general of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at MCAS Miramar, California. The Marine Corps has taken delivery of 24 KC-130J tankers, six of which are deployed to Iraq in support of ongoing combat operations.



“The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and I are extremely pleased to accept our twelfth KC-130J at MCAS Miramar,” said Maj. Gen. Helland at the delivery ceremony in December 2006. “The KC-130J is a magnificent reminder of the close relationship between the United States Marine Corps and Lockheed Martin and, with its great service record, it will continue to provide tireless combat support to the Marine Corps and our warriors forward deployed.”

**C-130Js demonstrate outstanding
performance during desert deployment**

Four U.S. Air Force C-130Js recently completed a 20-month deployment to southwest Asia. Data from the deployment shows that the C-130J demonstrated the ability to maintain a

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high operational tempo under demanding desert conditions. During the two-year deployment, which involved Rhode Island, Maryland and California Air National Guard C-130J units, the four C-130Js conducted 5,444 sorties during more than 10,750 flight hours, where they delivered 12,681 tons of cargo and carried 70,350 passengers.

“After years of speculation and rumor, we now have hard data upon which we can evaluate the performance of the C-130J,” said Col. Larry Gallogly, 143rd Airlift Wing, Rhode Island ANG. “The real world experience of our crews shows us what the aircraft is capable of and its future potential as we all become more adept at employing this outstanding new weapon system.”

The deployment to the theater involved aircraft from the Rhode Island 143rd Airlift Wing based at Quonset Point, the Maryland 135th Airlift Group based at Martin State Airport and the California 146th Airlift Wing based at Channel Islands ANG.

Air Mobility Command declares IOC for C-130J

Air Mobility Command has declared initial operational capability for the C-130J, the Air Force’s premier intratheater airlifter.

To test the C-130J, mobility crews employed the aircraft in real field conditions with checklists and maintenance procedures to determine how well it performed in various operational environments. During nearly nine months of Phase II qualification operational test and evaluation that concluded in April 2006, not only did the aircraft perform as it was supposed to, the crews also performed exceptionally well.

“We put the crews through the worst case scenarios of what they would go through in the plane, including losing engines and their avionics assistance - basically shutting down all of the systems that enable a two-person cockpit - and verifying the crew could still fly and navigate the plane,” said Maj. Craig Williams, C-130J program manager.

The Maryland Air National Guard’s 135th Airlift Group was the first combat delivery squadron to receive all of its aircraft and also fulfilled the IOC manning requirement. Along with other C-130J units, the 135th AG has deployed to U.S. Central Command’s area of responsibility, performing airland and airdrop missions.

The C-130J is capable of flying higher, farther and faster than previous C-130 models while carrying more cargo, Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Mobility Command commander said. “The C-130J aircraft, crews and maintainers have performed admirably while deployed in support of the Global War on Terror.”

Italy’s C-130J fleet surpasses 50,000 flight hour mark

The Italian Air Force C-130J fleet has surpassed the 50,000 customer flight hour mark. In November of 2006, Italian C-130J’s flew more than 1,200 flight hours, which is the most hours ever in a single month.

