



58th Special Operations Wing



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Agenda



- 58th Special Operations Wing Mission
- C-130 Replacement Effort
- Noise Considerations



58 SOW MISSION



Train mission-ready special operations, personnel recovery, missile site support, and UH-1 DV airlift aircrews in direct support of Air Expeditionary Forces for the world's best aerospace force





THE 58 SOW IS



- 1 of 100+ Kirtland AFB tenant units
- 1800+ personnel in two groups (3500 with family members)
- 8 different aircraft types (66 total)
- 3 operating locations
- 1900 students per year
- Training for 29 aircrew positions
- 16-hour daily flying window
 - 15% of ABQ Sunport activity





C-130 Replacement Effort



- **Average age of current fleet is 38 years old***
- **New C-130J will replace current fleet**
- **“J model” more capable and more quiet than current inventory**
- **Replacement effort to be phased over time**

* Shadows: 44.25 years; Talons: 22.3 years; Kings: 43.25 years

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C-130 Replacement



- **Comment period on draft environmental assessment (EA) concluded 10 November**
 - **Comments will be evaluated/addressed in final EA**
 - **Draft EA was based on a potential 13 aircraft; however, final program may likely fund less than 9 aircraft**
- **Noise contours used were most recent contours provided by City of Albuquerque Aviation Department under FAA Part 129**
 - **City is expected to publish updated contours on or about 3 Jan 2011**
 - **Noise Section of EA will be updated with new contours and we will have another 30-day comment period**



Flying Operations



- **Airmen must train the way they fight; training tasks and conditions must be as realistic as the conditions Airmen will experience in combat**
- **Night flying has been an essential part of our rigorous training for decades with little or no variation**
- **Strict adherence to FAA and AF flight rules is mandatory for our training**
- **Snapshot of normal operations**



Noise Considerations



- **Applicable Directives**
 - **City of Albuquerque Code**
 - **City of Albuquerque Aviation Dept / 58 SOW Letter of Agreement**
 - **58th Operations Group Instruction**
- **58 SOW is in compliance with guidance**
 - **We still look for ways to improve the way we do business**



Questions?



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