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Highlighted Decisive Airpower article:

Redeployment mission success comes to Transit Center: Airlift Squadron gives first class ride

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9/27/2012 - **TRANSIT CENTER AT MANAS, Kyrgyzstan** -- The 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron takes great pride in handling their passengers with pride for their flight home.

"You see the looks on guy's faces you are bringing home and it is indescribable," said Lt. Col. Jimmy Fuller, 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron director of operations. "It is what we can do for those who have been doing their job on the ground for sometimes more than a year."

Approximately 70 Airmen with the 817th EAS have the rewarding and demanding job of bringing home servicemembers from Afghanistan. Though the majority of the squadron is from Joint Basis Lewis-McCord, Wash., the 817th EAS is a total force effort, including Pacific Air Forces, Air National Guard, and Reserves Airmen.



U.S. Marines board an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III during a redeployment mission at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, Sept. 11, 2012. The Afghan National Security Forces and U.S. forces have worked closely and effectively to transition control of security in Afghanistan. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Clay Lancaster)

The larger number of troops and cargo redeploying increased the operational tempo by about 30 percent, Fuller said. While this means more work for the 817th EAS, they are up to the challenge and are completing the goal.

Normally the squadron transports around 300,000 passengers and 127 million pounds of cargo per year. That equals approximately 25,000 passengers per month; however, this September the squadron transported approximately 32,000 passengers.

Past redeployments kept them well employed, but now the mission is even more focused on the movement of passengers. Each crew member is flying about 50 hours a month. This means crews fly about every other day.

"The Transit Center at Manas is considered the gateway to Afghanistan for personnel movement," said Fuller, an Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., alum.

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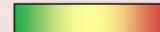
Close Air Support

Sorties	
2009	27,815
2010	32,928
2011	34,286
2012	22,524

Sorties with at least one weapon release	
2009	1,733
2010	1,817
2011	1,981
2012	1,062

Number of Weapon Releases

Less Activity



More Activity

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2009	163	203	364	465	456	442	384	445	254	541	238	208	4,163
2010	157	154	175	197	300	457	325	415	740	1,043	866	272	5,101
2011	405	338	337	339	426	610	695	516	597	661	308	174	5,406
2012	170	116	224	251	404	521	503	409	391				2,989

Combined Data

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties	11,202	16,193	18,898	28,747	38,198	26,708
Airlift Sorties	56,179	51,945	52,905	63,324	58,914	29,560
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)	270,007	251,738	264,839	298,079	230,230	183,734
Airlift Passengers	1,177,533	1,269,710	1,301,740	1,369,002	1,114,376	585,560
OEF Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)	8,182,066	16,576,297	32,267,606	60,400,000	75,956,235	28,757,283
Tanker Sorties	15,875	18,361	17,465	17,296	19,469	12,713
Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds)	946	1,106	1,076	1,050	1,095	763
Aircraft Refueled	79,798	86,288	82,095	82,603	90,476	52,631
Medevac Sorties	-	-	-	3,712	2,959	3,656
Saves	-	-	-	1,888	1,611	1,042
Assists	-	-	-	2,964	2,121	1,456

-Data not available

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