

433 CONTINGENCY RESPONSE FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

433 Airlift Control Flight constituted, 14 Jul 1987

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1987

Redesignated 433 Contingency Response Flight, 31 Mar 2017

STATIONS

Kelly AFB (later, Kelly Fld Annex, Lackland AFB; Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland), TX, 1 Oct 1987

ASSIGNMENTS

433 Military Airlift (later, 433 Airlift) Wing, 1 Oct 1987

433 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Maj Scott W. Aslett

Lt Col Jose Portela, Jun 1990

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1987-30 Sep 1988

12 Sep 2000-11 Sep 2002

1 Sep 2004-31 Aug 2006

1 Jul 2007-31 Dec 2008

EMBLEM

Approved, 23 Apr 2018

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

433rd Airlift Control Flight (ALCF) provides a nucleus of experienced airlift personnel to manage, coordinate and control air mobility assets. The ALCF is a vital part of the Air Mobility Command's global command and control structure. They provide a capability for operating at locations where there is limited support and are self-sufficient to be able to sustain operations under bare-base conditions. They are the front line of command and control, carrying out the commander's orders and back channeling data to keep the mission flowing.

When deployed, a reserve ALCF is called Tanker Airlift Control Element (TALCE). A TALCE consists of a cadre of operations and communications personnel from the ALCF complemented by other mission support specialists from aerial port, maintenance, weather and security. TALCE provides continuing on-site management of airfield operations. Their primary focus is on aircrew management, aircraft flight following, maintenance of aircraft, and the loading and unloading of aircraft. They deploy in support of special assignment airlift missions (SAAM), joint airborne air transportability training (JA/ATT), training exercises, tanker support and contingency or emergency relief missions.

The ALCF owns sophisticated communications packages to include six Mobility Air Reporting and Communications (MARC) systems. The MARC is an environmentally controlled mobile shelter containing a full spectrum of communications equipment. TALCE has worldwide communications connectivity. Reserve members train to the same standards as their active-duty counterparts. To qualify for ALCF duty, members must have substantial flying or operations planning experience. Similar to the associate flying program, ALCF personnel may work deployed missions independently or along side their active-duty counterparts. The ALCF is also responsible for the training of Air Force and sister service units on how to move by air. They instruct over 400 units periodically in preparing and loading their mobility equipment for air shipment.

Reserve participation by ALCF reservists is high, averaging 90 days of duty annually. Our missions are very diverse and range from 2 days to 6 months in length. Reserve ALCF plays a dynamic part to the AMC global reach lay down (GRL) mission by providing 45percent of the Air Force capability. They have participated in every major real-world deployment involving Air Force strategic airlift forces in the past decade.

Air Force Reserve Command's 433rd Airlift Control Flight at JBSA-Lackland, Texas, served as the lead agency in the annual Patriot Hook exercise, which integrates federal agencies with the military in disaster and emergency-response scenarios, states a base release. The AFRC-sponsored exercise took place in late April at NAS North Island, Calif., as well as Los Alamitos and the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field on San Clemente Island. "Even though it's the same in a name [every year], it is always a different mission, with different people, and different challenges. It's a continual improvement process of shaping and honing our combat skills," said Maj. Robert Acosta, contingency response element commander. "It gives us an opportunity to refine our mission essential tasks, and teaches us what it will take to support a real-world mission." The Federal Bureau of Investigations' rapid deployment team was among the civilian agencies that participated. "We couldn't do our job without the assistance of DOD - it's a great partnership and it's one of the most valuable assets we have in performing RTD's mission," said John Harker of the FBI. 2014

Air Force Reserve Command's Patriot Hook 2016 exercise began Thursday at Los Alamitos Army Airfield and Joint Forces Training Base, south of Los Angeles. The exercise is playing out in earthquake-prone southern California, but includes several East Coast units exercising a regional disaster response. The 433rd Airlift Control Flight, out of JB San Antonio-Lackland, leads the six-day multi-agency effort integrating local, state, and federal agencies for when civil authorities need defense support. Air Force first-responders "have to learn how to weigh the vehicles and how to weigh the loads, and they have to do it within military standards," said Minnie Jones, 433rd Airlift Wing spokeswoman. In a disaster, military aircraft are expected to quickly arrive with vehicles, supplies, aid, and equipment. "Every year, the regulations change ... so they practice that, and it's real-world practice." Once Reservists established a basic support base, teams loaded and unloaded C-5M and C-17 transports for training missions to NAS North Island and a Navy field on San Clemente Island. Participating AFRC units include 452nd Air Mobility Wing from March ARB, Calif.; 439th Airlift Wing from Westover ARB, Mass.; and the 315th ALCF from JB Charleston, S.C. 2016

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