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THE FIRST ACTIVE DUTY C-130J TO ARRIVE AT LITTLE ROCK AFB

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. – The first active duty C-130J Hercules to be delivered to the U.S. Air Force will land here March 19 at 1:30 p.m. marking a historic day for the U. S. Air Force and the 314th Airlift Wing.

Little Rock Air Force Base is the home of the C-130 Center of Excellence, which trains aircrew and aircraft maintainers for all Department of Defense services and 27 allied nations. The arrival of the C-130J will set the foundation for the next generation of tactical airlift training.

Lt. Col. David Kasberg, commander of the 48th Airlift Squadron, which is charged with C-130J pilot training, will fly the plane from the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics plant in Marietta, Ga., to the base.

The C-130 Hercules is the U.S. Air Force's principle tactical cargo and personnel transport. The C-130J is the latest model and features digital avionics, a new propulsion system with a six-bladed propeller, and a glass cockpit, which is a liquid crystal flat-panel multifunctional electronic display that provides crew members an easy-to-read digital view of flight indicators such as attitude display

and speed. The C-130J incorporates state-of-the-art technology to reduce manpower requirements, lower operating and support costs, and provides life cycle cost savings over earlier C-130 models.

Compared to older C-130s, the J-model climbs faster and higher, flies farther at a higher cruise speed, and takes off and lands in a shorter distance. Training requirements for the J-model are significantly unique in that the crew is reduced from five members to three, and because the flight deck is fully automated.

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