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ALCFs, FBI train together during Patriot Sands

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Five Reserve units and a federal agency teamed up April 26-29 in Florida for Patriot Sands, an airlift training exercise simulating deployed base conditions with limited support.

Reservists with the 512th Airlift Control Flight, Dover Air Force Base, Del., 452nd ALCF, March Air Reserve Base, Calif., and 439th ALCF, Westover ARB, Mass., trained with two FBI Rapid Deployment Teams from New York and Washington, D.C.

The Air Force Reserve Command has five airlift control flights, which consist of experienced airlift personnel to manage, coordinate and control air mobility assets. Depending on the mission, the specialized units may have to set up in an austere area, which was the purpose of the exercise--to gain experience and train in a fast-paced environment.

"We are part of contingency operations, and, if there is a surge in military operations or a natural disaster we have 36 hours to get on a plane and head to a location that needs us, and we set up a mobile command post," said Capt. Jessica Rose, Contingency Response Element commander with the 439th ALCF.

The 512th ALCF was staged at MacDill AFB, Fla., and the 439th ALCF operated out of Patrick AFB, Fla., while the 452nd ALCF worked at both locations. The units controlled

airflow between the two bases. The exercise involved several units and utilized a C-130 from the 43rd Airlift Group, Pope Field, N.C., a C-17 from the 446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash., and a C-17 and C-5M from Dover.

Master Sgt. Sean Pyne, 512th ALCF loadmaster, planned the exercise for almost 60 Airmen to include reservists with Dover's 46th Aerial Port Squadron and Westover's 42nd APS. He said Patriot Sands provided vital training by presenting opportunities for Airmen to get experience establishing a parking area for aircraft, offloading and uploading cargo and managing aircraft arrival and departure times while ensuring load plans and cargo were correctly configured for shipment.

The training wasn't only for Airmen.

"We do the command and control of airplanes, passengers and equipment, but as such we need passengers and equipment to track," said Rose. "So, we help an affiliate, and in this case it's the FBI because if the FBI has to respond quickly to an event, they use Air Force assets. They need practice on how to load their equipment onto the plane, and we need the practice on how to track that plane. So, it's a good fit for both of us."

Reserve ALCFs and active-duty Contingency Response Groups work with the FBI RDTs as part of the Air Mobility Command Affiliate Program.

To read the full story, visit <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123299978>.



Reservists with the 512th Airlift Control Flight load their mobile command post onto a C-17 here April 26. The unit, along with the 452nd ALCF, March Air Reserve Base, Calif., and 439th ALCF, Westover ARB, Mass., joined up with FBI Rapid Deployment Teams during Patriot Sands, an airlift exercise at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., and Patrick AFB, Fla., April 26-29. (Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)

Take shuttle bus to wing change of command

A shuttle bus will begin transporting passengers to and from the 512th Airlift Wing Change of Command Ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Pickup locations are at the base theater parking lot and the south side of The

Landings. Buses will run in a continuous loop until after the ceremony has concluded.

The official change of command is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Sunday inside Hangar 706, and all units need to be formed up no later than 1:30 p.m.

As a reminder, a practice is scheduled from 8-10 a.m. Sunday.

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Don't miss family celebration Friday

Gather at Liberty Park on base Friday from 4 - 10 p.m. for A Family Celebration. The free event features live music, BBQ, bouncy castle, face painting, games and fire pits for an 8 p.m. outdoor movie night. Bringing blankets or lawn chairs is encouraged.

AAFES Reel Time: Base movie line-up

Below is this weekend's movie schedule at the base movie theater.

- Friday, 7 p.m., A Thousand Words (PG-13)
- Saturday, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Mirror Mirror (PG)
- Sunday, 7 p.m., Act of Valor (R)