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Air Force sends home C-27J cargo planes

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Jun 20, 2012 – The two C-27J cargo planes deployed to Afghanistan have been shuttling supplies and troops all across the country for the last 11 months, but their work is being cut short. As it prepares to cancel the program, the Air Force has withdrawn the two aircraft, replacing them with larger C-130s and contracted airlift, which service officials say will pick up the slack. The decision to bring the aircraft back to the U.S. comes as Congress debates whether to accept an Air Force recommendation to cancel future C-27J purchases and mothball the existing aircraft.

This week, the only two Alenia Aermacchi C-27J aircraft in Afghanistan — which are being operated by the Maryland Air National Guard — left the country and will head back to the United States, an Air Force spokeswoman confirmed Wednesday. Originally, C-27J aircraft were supposed to remain in theater through 2014, but the Air Force decided to bring all of the aircraft back to the U.S. before the end of July after it submitted its 2013 budget proposal, which recommends terminating the program. L-3 Communications, which has maintained the aircraft in Afghanistan, is shutting down its operations in the country and is having its equipment withdrawn as well, an Air Force official said.

The Air Force decided to bring the aircraft back to the U.S. ahead of schedule because the maintenance contract with L-3 will expire this summer, the service official said. Keeping the aircraft in theater would mean spending an additional \$20 million to \$25 million in maintenance costs, the official said. The Ohio and Maryland Air National Guard have operated the C-27J out of Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan since July 2011. In that time, the 702nd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron has flown the two aircraft on 3,200 missions, moved 1,400 tons of cargo, transported 25,000 passengers and executed 71 air-drops, according to Air Force data.

What happens next to the Air Force's 21 C-27J aircraft has not been settled. The service's proposal to cancel the program has been questioned by lawmakers and the Air National Guard, the operator of all of the aircraft. Army officials have also voiced opposition since the aircraft's primary mission is to supply ground troops. The Air Force has argued that defense budget pressures influenced its decision to end the program. That position has been questioned by the Guard and lawmakers. Legislation under consideration in the House and Senate has recommended freezing Air Force plans to retire C-27J and other Air Force aircraft.

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March 19, 2012 - A C27J Spartan sits on the runway at Mansfield Lahm Airport during the 179 Airlift Wing Media Event Day. Elected officials, community leaders and local media were among visitors in attendance.



Ohio National Guard units currently deployed

Air units:

121st Air Refueling Wing
123rd Air Control Squadron
178th Fighter Wing
180th Fighter Wing

Army units:

Operational Mentoring & Liaison Team 1.8
290th Engineer Detachment
296th Engineer Detachments (Fire fighting)
37th NATO Training Mission Afghanistan
684th Medical Company
2-174 Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Avenger)
37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
Company B/3-238th Aviation Regiment

There are about 2,600 Ohio National Guard Soldiers and Airmen deployed (total number of deployed Soldiers and Airmen is current as of 7/1/12)

2012 Ohio National Guard Alumni Reunion

By Community Outreach office

The 2012 Alumni Reunion will be held September 29, 2012, at Camp Perry. The reunion is returning to Camp Perry due to its popularity and the beautiful location. The Community Outreach office will conduct a morning half-day event with catered continental breakfast and buffet lunch. Update briefings from senior Ohio National Guard leaders will be provided.

We anticipate some benefit vendors to participate also. The event will be hosted in Bldg 950 due to construction at the conference center. Ample lodging is available on site; please reserve your place to stay by contacting 1-888-889-7010 or www.cplcc.com.

We seek two to four volunteers to help with administrative or other event functions. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Community Outreach office at ong.outreach@ng.army.mil.

Lengyel nominated for vice chief position

President Barack Obama has nominated Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel for the position of vice chief of the National Guard Bureau and to receive a third star.

The position of vice chief at the bureau was created in the law that boosted the chief of the National Guard Bureau to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Lengyel is currently serving as the principal military official at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt. He is also chief of the Office of Military Cooperation there.

Lengyel is a pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, mostly in the F-16. He was commissioned in 1981 through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at North Texas State University in Denton, Texas.

He has served in various command positions, including as commander of the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, from June to September 2004.

From October 2004 to October 2006, he was Air National Guard advisor to the commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe at Ramstein AB, Germany. From October 2006 to June 2009, he was commander of the Air National Guard Readiness Center at Andrews AFB, Md.

He also served as deputy director of the Air National Guard from September 2008 to June 2009.



Major General Joseph L. Lengyel

Veteran entrepreneur portal - starting a business

STEPS TO SUCCESS

There is no one right way to succeed in business. You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great. It is a long and possibly expensive journey, but with perseverance and guidance, you can make it happen. A typical pathway to take during your start-up process is to follow these steps.

1. Prepare a written outline of your idea.

2. Establish your business structure. A business must be formed within some kind of legal framework. The law insists on it. Finding the correct legal form of doing business may be a challenging process, and each legal structure will affect the way you file your taxes. You will also need to register your business within your state. A Small Business Development Center can assist you with state registration forms. To learn more about legal structure and business tax concerns, go to <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0%2C%2Cid%3D98359%2C00.html>.

3. Prepare a business plan. This is a complex process that will become the blueprint of how you will run your business, market your business, and determine the funding requirements and viability of your new business. You can find everything you need to put together a business plan at <http://www.vetbiz.gov/library/Busplan.pdf>.

4. Have a business counselor review your business plan. The Association of Small Business Development Centers offer free consulting and low cost training to help new entrepreneurs realize their dream of business ownership, and to assist existing businesses to remain competitive in the complex marketplace of an ever-changing global economy. To find the nearest SBDC to you, click on the following link: <http://www.asbdc-us.org/>.

5. Implement the business plan The Small Business Administration's (SBA) website has information on starting a business at www.sba.gov.

6. Register your veteran-owned small business on the Vendor Information Pages (VIP) database (www.vetbiz.gov).

Did you know?

The military phonetic alphabet was first introduced in 1913. Almost every word chosen to represent these letters have changed since then. Changes are by international agreement. The current phonetic alphabet was adopted in 1957. Of the 26 letters, only two have stayed the same through the five revisions. Can you name them? (Answer on page 4)

Dates to Remember

July 3 - Twelve Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade mobilized for active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The public is invited to the unit's 10 a.m. call to duty ceremony Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

July 4 - Celebrate American Independence by attending a local parade. Several cities and towns will celebrate with concerts, parades and fireworks. Enjoy and be safe.

July 25 - Celebrate the 244th birthday of the Ohio National Guard at 1:30pm on the drill floor at Beightler Armory.

July 28 & 29 - GuardCare 2012 has arrived. Free health exams (physicals, screenings, immunizations) will be provided. Location: Clark County Combined Health District, 529 East Home Road, Springfield, Ohio 45503. Times: Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ohio National Guard seeks volunteer attorneys for emerging initiative

By Joint Staff Judge Advocate

The Ohio National Guard is helping create Ohio's Legal Assistance to Military Personnel (LAMP) program in collaboration with metropolitan bar associations and the Ohio Supreme Court. This emerging initiative is championed by the Ohio National Guard Joint Staff Judge Advocate. We seek volunteer attorneys to provide pro bono legal representation on civil matters, i.e. family law, debtor/creditor, foreclosure and lease termination. Previous experience not required.

For additional information about how to volunteer, please contact Col. Duncan Aukland at Duncan.Aukland@us.army.mil or (614) 336-7022 or the Ohio National Guard Community Outreach office at ong.outreach@ng.army.mil.

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ONG.OHIO.GOV**2012 Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee Meetings:***Region 1 - July 26**Region 2 - July 18**Region 3 - July 24**Region 4 - July 24**Region 5 - July 17**Region 6 - July 11*

For questions regarding the time or place of RISFAC meetings, contact Sgt. Michael Carden at (614) 336-4135



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SUPPORT TO ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The Ohio National Guard is a proud member of communities throughout Ohio in which our Soldiers and Airmen serve. Through an active community relations program, the Ohio National Guard demonstrates it is a good neighbor and community partner by providing support in four basic areas: Non-Aviation, Military Aerial, Air Force Flyovers, and Speaker Requests.

The Ohio National Guard will make every effort to provide support for all qualifying events, but event organizers should be aware that support may not be available due to training requirements, manning, and current/future deployments. *Fewer than 90 days' notice also greatly reduces the chance that support will be available.*

Direct support questions to Buckeye.Guard@ng.army.mil or call (614) 336-4499

National Rifle & Pistol Championships - Camp Perry, Ohio
July 8 - August 15, 2012

The National Matches, considered America's "World Series of the Shooting Sports," have been a tradition at Camp Perry, Ohio since 1907. Each summer, the nation's finest civilian and military marksmen and women square off for five weeks of rifle and handgun competition in a variety of formats and events. Visit the Camp Perry web site at www.cplcc.com.



INVITATION
2012 NATIONAL MATCHES
FIRST SHOT CEREMONY

July 9, 2012

Band Concert at 9:30 AM

First Shot Ceremony at 10:00 AM

LTC William E. Ingram Jr.
Director Army National Guard

has the honor of firing the FIRST SHOT
to officially open the 2012 National Matches

