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Exercise Evaluates Aeromedical Capabilities

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – Travis Air Force Base, California is conducting a readiness exercise emphasizing the U.S. Air Force’s ability to provide aeromedical evacuation, Aug 20-28, 2018.

The event will simulate bringing in injured troops from overseas, either in response to military operations or a humanitarian disaster, and triaging them at Travis AFB. It will then move them to longer-term and advanced-care centers, both Department of Defense and civilian.

Furthermore, the base will exercise its ability to increase hospital operations and expand patient capacity.

These skills were used extensively in last year’s hurricane season. Bases within Air Mobility Command, Travis AFB’s parent command at Scott AFB, Illinois, flew 16 sorties that moved almost 250 patients during Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Florida and Puerto Rico.

C-17 Globemaster III and C-5M Super Galaxy cargo aircraft will be fitted with universally-qualified medical equipment and crews, which ensures the U.S. can transport patients from any place on the globe treat them enroute to the treatment facility.

Media representatives are invited to Travis AFB Aug 23, where they will have the opportunity to speak with medical and airlift subject matter experts. They will also have the chance to fly in a C-5M to witness first-hand the capabilities of the USAF’s personnel and aircraft. The flight will last approximately two hours, and

representatives should prepare to spend approximately four hours on base. This opportunity will be limited to space available on the aircraft.

Media should contact the 60th Air Mobility Wing public affairs office at 60amwpa@us.af.mil or (707)-424-2011 by Aug. 21 at 10 am.

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About Travis Air Force Base: *Travis is comprised of our host unit, the 60th Air Mobility Wing, along with the 621st Contingency Response Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing and more than 50 partner organizations, with more than 26,000 Travis active duty, reservists and civilian employees assigned. The 60th Air Mobility Wing is the largest air mobility organization in the Air Force with a versatile fleet of C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III cargo and KC-10 Extender refueling aircraft. As the host unit of Travis Air Force Base, the wing controls more than \$11 billion in total resources and handles more cargo and passengers than any other military air terminal in the United States. Travis is the West Coast terminal for aeromedical evacuation aircraft returning sick or injured patients from the Pacific area. For more information, go to www.travis.af.mil.*