

# Airmen support Canada in arctic

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Fifty Airmen from the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing and two LC-130 ski-equipped aircraft are in the High Arctic supporting the Canadian Forces annual Operation Nunavut exercise in Canada's Nunavut Territory.

It is the third year that the New York Airmen, based at Stratton Air National Guard Base near Schenectady, N.Y., have participated in the Canadian military exercise.

The New York Air National Guard team is operating out of three locations during the exercise - Resolute Bay; Thule Air Base, Greenland; and Little Cornwallis Island which is about 50 miles Northwest of Resolute.

The Canadian exercise began on April 1 and wraps up on April 22.

Shortly after arriving, maintainers and operations Airmen began establishing a skiway camp to support LC-130 flight operations. The first LC-130 landed on the skiway today, April 14. A skiway is snow area cleared so that ski-equipped planes can land there.

The team preparing the skiway consists of eight Airmen from the 109th Airlift Wing who are also training four Canadian engineers on how to prepare a skiway for large aircraft.

"We're the only team in the world that does this," New York Air National Guard Major Matthew Sala told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He is a one of the Airmen from the 109th Air Wing preparing the skiway.

"Our aircraft is the only C-130 in the entire world that has skis on it and can land in the Arctic and Antarctic," Sala told the CBC.

The Canadians have ski-equipped Twin Otter aircraft which don't have the lift capacity or range the 109th LC-130s have.

The LC-130s are able to provide up to 9,000 pounds of cargo per flight as opposed to 1,200 pounds the Canadians' Twin Otters can carry.

The LC-130 is able to transport in one trip what the Twin Otters would need 10 flights to move.

The 109th will help bring fuel and supplies to the forward-deployed locations during the exercise.

During Operation Nunavut 2015 the wing's Airman flew 26 missions, transporting 91,000 pounds of cargo and 49 passengers.

"Our support for Operation Nunavut allows us to demonstrate our full range of polar expeditionary airlift capabilities in a joint U.S. and Canadian

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# Only rain belongs in drains

60th Civil Engineer Squadron

If you have ever looked along the side of a parking lot, you have probably noticed the metal grates along curbs. Or perhaps the concrete ditches along highway medians? Have you ever wondered where the water that flows into these structures goes?

These metal grates, intakes and drainage ditches are part of municipal storm water conveyance systems. These storm drains remove water off streets to prevent flooding. Allowing anything other than clean storm water in the drain is against the law.

Typically, the water entering storm drains is not treated and therefore best management practices to reduce conveyance of pollutants with stormwater is of paramount importance. In urban areas, the rainwater that flows off rooftops and across sidewalks, roadways and parking lots, collects pollutants from these surfaces. The storm water can sweep up pollutants like pet waste, automotive oil, lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides. Sediments from construction sites and street litter, like candy bar wrappers or cigarette butts,

can also be transported.

Just a single quart of spilled engine oil can contaminate up to 2 million gallons of drinking water, or create an oil slick up to eight acres in size, says The Ocean Conservancy. This pollution is carried along with the water to a nearby stream, river or ocean, without any treatment. In some communities, heavy rainstorms can overwhelm storm drains and result in high levels of pollution that are capable of closing beaches and other recreational water bodies.

Storm water pollution is the No. 1 source of water pollution in the United States and, according to Heal the Bay, urban runoff is the largest source of pollution to coastal waters in Southern California. Impermeable surfaces like asphalt and concrete prevent rainwater from percolating through the ground where it can be naturally mitigated or cleaned before reaching surface waters.

Grassy or xeriscaped areas help to filter and clean storm water and reduce storm water flow. In urban areas, just an inch of rainfall can result in more than one billion gallons of storm water flowing into storm drain systems.

On base, storm water is managed through the base's Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit, which is administered by the State of California Water Resources Control Board. Storm water that enters a drain is not treated. Anything that flows into a storm drain is released to Union Creek on base.

As an operator of a small MS4 permit, Travis is required to minimize runoff to the maximum extent possible, and keep discharge clean by doing its part to protect water quality. That means the use of best management practices for reducing storm water runoff and implementing pollution prevention measures are important for keeping storm water clean. Here are some ways you can do your part to keep what flows down our storm drains clean.

What can you do?

- Never dump anything down storm drains.
- Never throw trash out a car window or onto a street. Use a trash can.
- Clean up after your pet and dispose of waste in trash cans.

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- Help clean up street litter if you see it.
- Use a broom not a hose to clean off hard surfaces.
- If you see a clogged storm drain, remove the debris or notify the storm water manager on base.
- Working on cars or lawnmowers at home?

- Clean up any automotive or other fluid spills with absorbent materials like kitty litter rather than hosing them off into the street.
- Put used antifreeze and engine oil in containers to recycle at a local service station or hazardous waste site.
- Use biodegradable soap when washing your car at home and use as little water as possible.
- Better yet, instead of washing your car at home, take

it to a car wash that conserves water and captures the soapy wash water for recycling.

- Tending a garden or trying to keep your grass green?
- Use fertilizer in moderation and do not apply it before a rainstorm.
- Avoid using harmful pesticides to battle weeds and bugs.
- Use less water to reduce runoff.
- Adjust sprinkler heads so water is not wasted and only irrigate as necessary.

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to 274637. Users will receive a text with a tipster identity code, which they can use to provide further information.

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operations."

He went on to explain each of those four specific areas.

"Readiness gives us the ability to meet the demand of rapidly evolving crisis and the endurance to persist," Everhart said. "Our Airmen are our most precious resources, so we must grow and develop them intentionally to lead tomorrow's Air Force. In order to meet the demands of tomorrow's rapid global mobility, we also need to modernize our legacy aircraft and command and control systems.

"Last but not least, AMC is a necessary component to the success of the Air Force's nuclear enterprise: that is a no-fail mission, and we train to the highest standards for that reason," the general said.

Everhart added there is always room to grow as individuals to contribute to the big picture of the Air Force.

"The advice I give most: bring your personal best," he said. "This is a calling, not a job. Be focused on what your leadership needs from you not just today, but tomorrow. Regardless of your rank, you're in a position to set up your Air Force for success."

The general also stressed the Air Force is aware of the need to grow, adding the force is the smallest it has ever been since its establishment.

"Although we had to endure difficult cuts in the past couple of years, I can tell you with absolute confidence that our senior leaders are committed to making sure we have enough Airmen to accomplish the mission," said Everhart. "The Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force

testified to Congress last month that we'll see a modest increase in the total force from 311,000 to 317,000 Airmen, and they intend to incrementally increase the force to meet rising demands. But that will depend on various factors, including whether we can recruit the right talent. Make no mistake, you are part of an elite team right now."

Both Everhart and Frey encouraged all Airmen within the command to brag about what they do and to be proud each and every day adding that they both love being able to brag about "their Airmen."

"Every 2.8 minutes there is an AMC aircraft taking off, 365 days a year," said Frey. "We deliver no matter what, but without Airmen we don't have air power and air power is not generated without great Airmen. Airmen make it happen."

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(must be legally blind)

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