



DCC helps make deployments possible



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The 49th Fighter Wing was called on by the country once again to defend it from threats abroad June 25. Yet, without a dedicated group of Airmen to get these warriors to their destination, the deployment of about 300 Holloman personnel never could have taken place.

The 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron deploys personnel through the deployment control center. This facility acts as a focal point of a deployment, said Mr. Charles Huffman, 49th LRS installation deployment officer, who controls all deployment-related operations in and out of Holloman.

“We make sure we pass out the proper guidance to the troops to prepare them for their deployed

location,” Mr. Huffman said. “We then direct troop movements here as well as coordinate the scheduled airlifts.”

The DCC, working with logistics troops and base-wide unit deployment managers, coordinate numerous training classes that help prepare each person in a deployment to schedule chalks of personnel, quickly marshal the needed materials and get both through the processing line and to the area of responsibility.

Staff Sgt. Leonard Cole, NCO in charge of deployments, said the process for a deployment has to take place within a 72-hour window.

“Once we are tasked with deployment orders, the base goes into action,” Sergeant Cole said.

“We account for the requested number of aircraft, personnel and equipment, and then meet with the UDMs. They then task their troops who enter the processing line and away they go. It all happens that fast.”

To maintain an effective DCC flight, 1st Lt. Casey Dierickx, 49th LRS deputy flight commander, said it takes motivated troops to meet the huge challenge of a deployment order.

“You have to know what you are talking about to execute a deployment,” Lieutenant Dierickx said. “The men and women of the DCC know the exact people to coordinate with to get the job done. Without a clear focus and right mentality, this very stressful job could never be accomplished.”



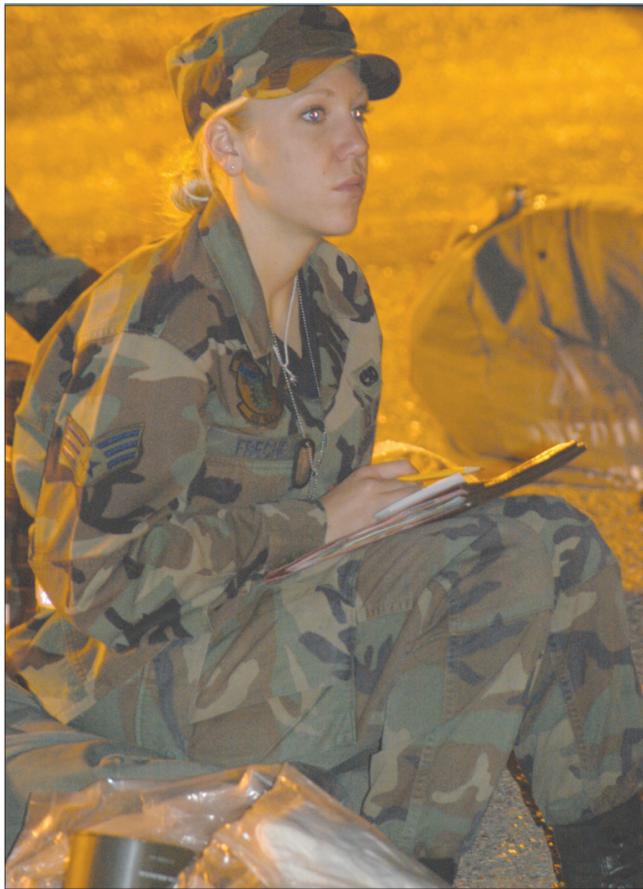
Airman Peter Zayas, 9th Fighter Squadron aviation resource manager, shows his support while boarding the aircraft June 25. About 300 personnel deployed to the Western Pacific.



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First Lt. Donin Helmick (right) takes a mobility bag from Col. Raymond Dinsmore, 49th Mission Support Group commander. The bags were unloaded by members of the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron and loaded onto a DC-10.

Right: A DC-10, operated by Omni Air International, takes to the skies before noon June 25. The aircraft departed Holloman with about 200 personnel heading for the Western Pacific region.



Senior Airman Cynthia Freche, 49th Maintenance Squadron, receives a mass briefing with over 200 personnel before deploying June 25. The DCC checks and re-checks mobility bags before they are loaded onto the plane.



Airman Billy Hale (left) and Tech. Sgt. Buefard Brown, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron, help to unload a conveyor belt of personal gear June 25. The men and women of the 49th LRS secured and transported mobility and personal bags to the DC-10 before take off.



Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander, gave words of encouragement to Airman Peter Zayas who was part of the 300-person team that deployed June 25.