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152 Airlift Wing

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The first 152nd Operations Group deployment of 2009 involved 36 Airmen who went to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in support of Operation Joint Forge. They supported the flow of personnel and military equipment into Bosnia-Herzegovina and around the European theater. In a quick turnaround that spring, the unit deployed to Puerto Rico with 24 airmen and two C-130s to Operation Coronet Oak in direct support of U.S. Air Force Southern Command operations in several locations. One specific mission included support for detainee operations at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba.

In a 2010 Coronet Oak deployment, the unit spent eight weeks flying Unified Response mission in Haiti. Based on an urgent request by the Secretary of the Air Force for full-motion video capabilities, in 2009, the 152nd Operations Group and the 152nd Intelligence Squadron developed the Project Liberty training program providing initial qualification for 129 active duty sensor operators. That program continued until June 2010. Project Liberty trained the sensor operators in realtime, ground-based scenarios and included more than 100 sorties and 620 flight hours. The 152nd Operations Group also sent 10 aircrew members in 2009 to National Interagency Fire Center Military Airborne Fire Fighting System training in Tucson, Ariz., and another 20 to Greenville, S.C., in 2010.

The High Rollers were subsequently certified for the National Guard Bureau's wildland firefighting mission. During the 152nd Airlift Wing's largest air expeditionary mobilization and deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom since 2003, the 152nd Operations Group deployed 15 aircrews and dozens of support personnel over the course of five months to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in 2009 and 2010. Their statistics included 871 hours of flight time while completing 872 sorties transporting 10,875 troops and 3,273 tons of cargo throughout the combat theater.

Additionally, the unit accomplished 27 airdrops to ground forces totaling 382 containerized delivery system bundles with a combined weight of 264 tons. The 152nd Operations Group led the 152nd Airlift Wing in developing the Shadow Harvest test and development programs for the Defense Intelligence Agency. The process included tests and evaluations at Point Mugu Naval Air Station in California and led to recommendations for process improvements and support for implementing many advanced sensor, camera, and radar equipment to provide future battlefield commanders critical intelligence for combat efforts. Testing complete, in June 2010 the group participated in the first Nevada Guard operational deployment in support of Shadow Harvest in the U.S. Central Command area.

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