

# **21<sup>st</sup> EXPEDITIONARY MOBILITY TASK FORCE**

Eighteenth Air Force, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, distinguished itself by exceptional meritorious service from 1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009. During this period, the numbered Air Force, enabled by 51,000 officer, enlisted, and civilian personnel worldwide, executed day-to-day operations via 2 Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces, 18 mobility wings, a stand-alone group, the 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center, and gained Air Reserve Component units. This numbered Air Force provided record setting support to Global Operations, including Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, completing more than 150,000 sorties encompassing 532,000 flying hours while transporting 2,300,000 passengers and 724,000 tons of cargo. Eighteenth Air Force's unmatched warfighter support across the entire mobility enterprise involved more than 30 Presidential and Secretary of Defense-directed operations and over 35 multinational exercises supporting the Global War on Terrorism and humanitarian operations, both domestically and around the world. The distinctive accomplishments of the members of the Eighteenth Air Force reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Air Force.

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The 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force (EMTF) provides a rapid, tailored, world-wide, air mobility response to combatant commander's needs. Reporting through 18th Air Force, the EMTF will extend existing AMC infrastructure, through both en route employment and rapid forward deployment capabilities. The goal is to provide warfighting unified commanders an improved force presentation that meets our nation's global air mobility requirements. The 21 EMTF presents mission-ready command and control (C2), aerial port, aircraft maintenance and support personnel, as well as airlift, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation and airfield opening planning and execution expertise, to project and sustain combat forces worldwide.

The EMTF will always be out there, in peace or war, making mobility happen for our nation's needs. With the emphasis on warfighting, this light, lean and agile deployable force, when coupled with the already forward deployed, enroute fixed force, will facilitate mobility in the expeditionary manner today's military requirements dictate. In one outreach role, Contingency Response Wing personnel will perform initial base assessment through full operational capability, anywhere across the globe. Their expertise will include taking an austere airfield and preparing it to become a fully functioning port for joint warfighting requirements. In addition, EMTF personnel will act as the deployable air mobility division during contingency/exercise/wargame operations and serve as the coordinating authority between the theater command and control nodes, the Tanker Airlift Control Center as the AMC Air Operations Center for the 18th Air Force, and the Department of Defense's Joint Movement Center. In short, the Expeditionary Mobility Task Force will be able to go anywhere to meet the air mobility requirements of the future

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