

# 86<sup>th</sup> CONTINGENCY RESPONSE GROUP



## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

86<sup>th</sup> Contingency Response Group

## **STATIONS**

Ramstein AB, Germany

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**



## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

At 2015Z March 26, 2003, Air Force history was made when members of the 86 CRG, including 18 jumpers from the 786 SFS (14 of which were SF. In addition there was 1 medic, 1 intel, 1 Fuels, and 1 CE also in the SFS, as they are a multi-AFSC squadron) under command of Major Erik Rundquist, made the first Air Force combat parachute assault along with about 1,000 paratroopers of the Army's 173 Airborne Brigade onto Bashur Airfield in mountainous northern Iraq. This was also the first combat jump made from the C-17 Globemaster transport and was the largest airborne assault since Operation JUST CAUSE in 1989. The mission, according to 86 CRG Commander Colonel Steven Weart (who jumped into Bashur with his troops) was to —support the 173 Airborne Brigade and its buildup of combat power.|| As the 86 CRG prepared the 7,000-foot runway to receive the first transport aircraft, the group's Security Forces controlled the runway and ramp, while 173rd Airborne soldiers and Iraqi Kurd Peshmurga fighters protected the airfield's perimeter. By April 9th the approximately 200 Airmen stationed at Bashur were handling around 1 million pounds of cargo a day.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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## **Sources**

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