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Media opportunity: Charleston AFB to receive last scheduled C-17

What: Charleston AFB is scheduled to receive the last C-17 Thursday, rounding out the final count of Charleston-based C-17s to 53 aircraft. The aircraft will be flown in by Brig. Gen. Corley, an AF Reservist assigned to the Secretary of the Air Force Inspector General's office.

When: April 17 at 5 p.m. on Charleston AFB flight line.

Background: This aircraft is the last Block 13 C-17, all of which have two major changes that increase the aircraft's capabilities: the Terrain Awareness Warning System and the Station Keeping Equipment Follow-On. TAWS provides aircrew with a terrain map to prevent impact with the ground. SKE Follow-On is an updated software that allows pilots to fly more aircraft within a 100-mile range of each other, allowing increased formation airdrop capabilities.

Visuals: Final C-17 arrival and deplaning. Brig. Gen. Corley will present a ceremonial key to SSgt Josue Garcia with the 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Contact: For more information contact SSgt. Melanie Streeter at 963-5589 or 963-5608. Media not planning on attending both events (Sen. Graham availability) need to contact SSgt. Streeter to arrive for individual pick-up at the Dorchester Gate.