



# News Advisory

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### **DEPLOYMENT**

**What:** Approximately 250 C-17 Globemaster III maintenance personnel from McChord AFB, Wash., will arrive at Charleston AFB this week to supplement maintenance airmen here, following the Air Mobility Command designation of Charleston AFB as a “stage” location for C-17 operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**When:** Media should meet at the Dorchester Gate entrance to Charleston AFB at 7:35 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6

**Why:** As of Jan. 8, Charleston AFB has been established as a “stage” location for expanding Operation Enduring Freedom operational missions. The stage manages flying missions, matching crews and aircraft with required airlift missions, and is a key component of the Air Force’s air bridge taking people and cargo to forward deployed locations.

**Visuals:** Aircraft landing and maintainers deplaning

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