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CEREMONY MARKS 437TH AIRLIFT WING REORGANIZATION

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. – The 437th Airlift Wing will formally mark a major reorganization in a ceremony here Friday.

The reorganization, also taking place at wings throughout the Air Force, will affect the existing 437th Operations Group, 437th Support Group, and 437th Logistics Group. The 437th Medical Group will remain unchanged.

The reorganization was prompted by findings of the 1999 Chief of Staff Logistics Review, which highlighted the need to increase expeditionary capability and standardize operations across the Air Force. The changes are designed to allow commanders to better focus on the Air Force core competencies of operating air and space weapon systems, maintaining those systems, and enhancing mission support of expeditionary contingency-based forces.

Under the reorganization:

- 437 LG will be redesignated 437th Maintenance Group
- 437 SPTG will be redesignated 437th Mission Support Group
- The 437th Contracting Squadron and 437th Aerial Port Squadron realign under the 437 MSG
- The 437th Logistics Support Squadron will become 437th Maintenance Operations Squadron
- The 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron will become the 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- The 437th Supply Squadron, 437th Transportation Squadron, 437 LSS Logistics Plans Flight and 437 APS Traffic Management Flight will realign into 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron under 437 MSG

The Air Force set an Oct. 1 deadline for initial operational capability of the new structure.

The reorganization is not designed to change the number of manpower slots on base, and there is no funding for new construction to accompany the change.

“The Combat Wing Organization is very similar to the organization that was in place between 1978 and 1991,” said Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John Jumper, in comments issued when the reorganization was announced. “It is the organization that brought us Mission Capable rates greater than 90 percent in Desert Storm and it works.”

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News media interested in covering the event are asked to meet at the Dorchester Gate at 9:40 a.m. For more information, contact Capt Linda Pepin at (843) 963-5537.