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CHARLESTON AFB BUSIER THAN USUAL

The workload at Charleston AFB reached a new high March 6, with the 437th Aerial Port Squadron moving 600 tons of cargo in one day, one and a half times more than what moves in an average month.

C-17 missions have also increased, reaching a maximum of 28 missions in one day, compared to an average of around ten missions per day.

Other changes include the following:

- More than 30 augmented aircrews have been added, which is more than the wing's entire previous peacetime commitment required to keep aircraft moving.
- In one day this past week there were 120 crews in the system, compared to previous post-9-11 high of about 90.
- In the past week, had a day with 28 C-17 missions launched; recently have been averaging 15-25 C-17 launches per day; last year Charleston AFB averaged around 10 launches per day, with highs in the high teens.
- During Desert Storm in January 1991, the Aerial Port Squadron (APS) moved 11,160 tons of cargo in one month. Twenty widebodies (commercial DC-10's, MD-11's and 747's) were used during this month. APS is now handling the same number of aircraft within a three day period. This is the highest number of widebodies that have been through here on a regular basis.
- Since Feb. 23 Charleston AFB has moved 2,700 tons of cargo, compared to an average of 450 tons a month.
- CAFB's Aerial Port Squadron has about 70-80 reservists and 70-80 active duty personnel who have been brought in from different bases.

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